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SEVEN CHIMUR & ASHTI CONDEMNED TO HANG

Viceroy Rejects Mercy Petitions: Move For Petition To King Emperor

NAGPUR, March 13.

It is reliably understood that H. E. the Viceroy has rejected the mercy petitions on the remaining seven condemned prisoners in the Chimur and Ashti cases.

Immediately after the receipt of the news Mrs. Anusuyabai Kale and Mr. E. S. Patwardhan, both members of the Capital Punishment Relief Society, left for Sevagram yesterday to seek Mahatma Gandhi's advice in the matter. Gandhiji is reported to have given some instructions and directions.

It is further understood that the condemned prisoners will be executed on March 21. The Capital Punishment Relief Society has decided to send mercy petitions to His Majesty the King Emperor.—United Press.

INTERNMENT ORDERS ON BIHAR LEADERS WITHDRAWN

PATNA, March 13

The Home Internment orders issued by the Government of Bihar on five members of the Congress, Mr. Sri Krishna Sinha, ex-Premier, Mr. Anugraha Narayan Sinha, former Finance Minister, Professor Abdul Bari, Deputy Speaker of the Bihar Assembly, Mr. Murli Manohar Prasad, Editor of the "Searchlight" and Pandit P. Misra have been withdrawn to-day.

The Government decision to withdraw the internment order on the five Congressmen follows an interview Mr. Anugrahanarayan Sinha had with Mr. R. E. Russel, Adviser to the Governor and the Chief Secretary yesterday at which Mr. Sinha clarified certain points sought by the Government.

The Provincial Government have issued a 'communique' announcing their decision to cancel the internment order and publishing the correspondence that passed between them and the interned leaders.

The 'communique' concludes by stating that the Government have accepted the declaration issued by the five members of the Committee appointed to guide and implement the constructive programme as an assurance that the Congress in Bihar does not intend to work or use the constructive programme for the purpose of preparing for civil disobedience. Government, therefore, cancel the restriction orders. But they expect that the Committee, if formed, will issue public instructions to the Congress workers which will make it quite clear what they can do and what they may not do.

Government further consider it desirable both from the point of view of Government and of the Committee that the Committee should, from time to time, furnish them with lists of all authorised workers engaged in the programme.—A.P.

Story Of Yalta

(By Douglas Cornell)

Douglas Cornell has covered President Roosevelt's activities—the "White House assignment"—for six years and accompanied the American President on his last three election campaign tours and he flew overseas to join Mr. Roosevelt after the Yalta conference of the "Big Three." Here in the first of a series of copyrighted articles A. P. Correspondent Cornell tells the story of Yalta.

WASHINGTON, March 13 (A. P.): Ten minutes past noon on February 3, an American plane dropped lightly on a Russian air strip.

Inside, President Roosevelt—7,000 miles or 13 days from the White House—discarded a cigarette to greet Vyachaslav Molotov.

Barely 20 minutes later, a plane with British markings landed. Molotov greeted the man who got out discarding a cigar.

Churchill and Roosevelt had arrived to consult Stalin on means of winning the war and preserving the peace.

Roosevelt took up first floor quarters in Livadia Palace, one-time summer home of the Tsar Nicholas and more recently a rest home for consumptives.

Next day, Stalin arrived and went to Livadia for an hour's visit prior to opening the first session of the second "Big Three" conference.

Russia then for the first time loosened her tight military secrecy.

By the time the talks ended it was agreed: (1) A daily exchange of information between Eisenhower in the West and the Allies in Italy and the Soviets in the East; (2) a more effective distribution of material and transport; (3) details of timing and scope of the blows at the heart of Germany; (4) weather prospects.

Political issues were left for another session.

But at Yalta, America assumed for the first time specific responsibilities in the field of European politics.

In the "Declaration on Liberated Europe", the "Big Three" promised to assist toward internal peace, emergency relief and forming of democratic governments.

The Americans present contended the Conference marked an end of unilateral action and spheres of influence.

NEW DELHI, March 10.—Sir Edward Benthall, War Transport Member, declared open an Indian Railways Exhibition here today.

Their Excellencies the Viceroy and the Commander-in-Chief and the members of the Executive Council visited the Exhibition.—A.P.

MAHATMA TO STAY AT BORIVLI

(From Our Correspondent)

VILE PARLE.

The news that Mahatma Gandhi will be staying at Saroj Nivas on Mandieshwar Road at Borivli belonging to Mr. Ratilal Nanavati for a few weeks to enable him to supervise the work of training social workers in connection with the Kasturba Memorial Fund has given great satisfaction to the suburban residents. The climate of Borivli at this time of the year is salubrious and will do the Mahatma immense good.

Mahatma And Kasturba Fund Training Camp

BOMBAY, March 13: Mahatma Gandhi will attend the meetings of the trustees of the Kasturba Gandhi National Memoral Fund to be held in Bombay during the first four days of April.

The first training class to be organised under the aegis of the Fund will commence at Borivli, Bombay Suburban District on April 5. The class will be organised for one month and will be for the instructors sent by the various Provinces These instructors after receiving training will return to their respective Provinces to conduct Provincial classes. The organisers of the training class will seek the advice and guidance of Mahatma Gandhi in their work of training.—A.P.

ISHVARLAL VYAS DEAD

(From Our Correspondent)

AHMEDABAD, March 13.

Sjt. Ishvarlal Vyas, a prominent Congress worker of Ahmedabad District and a member of the Bombay Assembly expired yesterday.

He was elected President of Ahmedabad District Local Board in 1940.

LATEST COMMERCIAL

COTTON (JULY)
NEW YORK, March 13

Previous Closing	21.86
Today's Opening	21.91
Difference	+05
Today's Closing	21.88
Difference	+02

NEW YORK STOCK EXCHANGE
NEW YORK, March 13.
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TREATMENT FOR LEPROSY

Discovery Of Two French Doctors In Madagascar

The Consul for France in Bombay, writes:—

A group of French scientists pursuing at Madagascar, researches on the treatment of leprosy, recently discovered a medicine which appears to be a decisive remedy against this terrible disease. Continuing the works already carried out in 1938 by the two chemists Devanne and Razafinnahery, Doctors Grimes and Pierre Boiteau, completed a scientific communication on the progress realised by them in the treatment of leprosy through a new glucoside from an ombelliferous plant called "hydrocotyle asiatica" growing in Madagascar.

When it was first used in 1937 by the French doctors, the chemical composition of the drug not being well-known at the time, its use was made difficult by its toxic effects. However a year later Dr. Bontempts, working in the Leper Laboratory of Antananarivo, discovered a new glucoside; the "Asiaticoside" which proved to be much less toxic in its effect than the first product, but it was insoluble in water, n easily soluble in alcohol and very soluble in pyridine. Later a solution which could be used in injections was prepared and further experiments were carried out with great success.

The "Asiaticoside" acts as a solving agent upon the waxy part of the delicate bacillus which can then be easily destroyed.

The clinical results obtained today are remarkable. The ocular lesions are definitely cured if they are treated before they reach the posterior chamber. The lepromas open themselves and soon dry up. The whitlow and the perforating sore dry up definitely. The nervous lesions require a longer time as well as the rebuilding of muscular tissues; however, several patients who were under treatment at Madagascar already have recovered and are in the stage of mecanotherapy. These researches augur of great hopes. Grimes and Boiteau continue their researches and they are installing at present, the necessary plant for extracting large quantities of "Asiaticoside" in order to be able to expand the experimentation in all kinds of leprosy.

STRIKE IN HOLLYWOOD STUDIOS

HOLLYWOOD, March 13 (APA): Silence fell on the movie capital's big sound stages one by one to-day, as the most serious strike in its history threatened to paralyze the cinema industry.

Stars such as Betty Grable and Dorothy Lamour and many others were reported at the studios, some to leave before the day's work is completed, as Union Spokesmen pressed the strike in the face of an ultimatum from the War Labour Board.

Four major studios shut down during the day—RKO, Warner Brothers, Twentieth Century Fox and Pathe—while Paramount, Universal, Columbia and Metro-Goldwyn-Meyer continued to operate.

"SUPER FORTS" ATTACK OSAKA

WASHINGTON, Mar. 13:—An incendiary attack on industrial target in Osaka, Japan, was carried out today by "Super Forts".

The raid was made by planes of the Twentieth Air Force whose headquarters announce that it compared with last Friday's big strike against Tokyo and the big attack on Sunday against targets at Nagoya.—Reute r

MOVE FOR RECONSTITUTION OF NATAL INDIAN CONGRESS

DURBAN, March 13: If certain members of the Natal Indian Congress apply to courts for compulsory holding of Congress elections, such action would react to the detriment of the Indian community as a whole, said the joint secretaries of the Congress to-day, replying through their attorneys to the ultimatum issued to them yesterday by three members of the Congress.

Congress officials declare that branches were not afforded reasonable opportunities for participation in the meeting previously arranged and that they threatened, if it was held, to secede from Congress and form a separate organisation.

At a meeting convened to discuss the postponement of the election, a majority of 84 per cent voted for the reconstitution of the Congress on a federal system that would entitle every member in the Natal to vote.—Reuter.

All-India Serat Conference

A Darbhanga correspondent writes: At a meeting of the Bihar Muslims' Advisory Council held at Serat Office, Darbhanga on 18th February 1945, it was decided to hold the All-India Serat Conference at Darbhanga from the 20th to the 27th April 1945. A number of Muslims volunteered their services and a reception Committee of 51 Muslims was formed. Preparations for the Conference are in progress.

Another Bridge Across Rhine

With the First United States Army March 13: Another bridge has been thrown across the Rhine near Remagen by General Hodges forces.

It was built within 96 hours of the Allied capture of the Ludendorff Rail bridge.—Reuter.

Sind Cabinet Puzzle.

European Group Supports Moulabux

KARACHI, March 13.

With the resignation of the Ministry, a new and unexpected situation has arisen in Sind. When the Muslim League Assembly party directed Sir Ghulam Hussain on Sunday last to tender resignation and form a full-fledged League Ministry, the members of the party had expected that, in view of the two sections in the league having joined hands, Sir Ghulam would be immediately called upon to form an alternative Ministry.

But a serious rival to Sir Ghulam Hussain and the Muslim League has appeared in Khan Bahadur Haji Moulabux. As soon as it became clear to him that to please the League High Command he would be sacrificed by the same man who had last month sought his support, Khan Bahadur Moulabux has been carrying on negotiations with various sections in the assembly and gathering forces to be ready to form an alternative Ministry, if called upon to do so.

Both Sir Ghulam Hussain and Khan Bahadur Moulabux saw the Governor today, and each of them showed his readiness to form a stable Ministry. But none of the two leaders has been called upon to undertake the formation of the new Ministry. It is understood, however, that Khan Bahadur Moulabux will see the Governor at 10 a. m. tomorrow. This was disclosed after Pirzada Abdul Satar, a prominent supporter of K. B. Moulabux, had seen the Governor late in the afternoon.

The fact that Sir Ghulam Hussain has not yet been called upon to form the new Ministry has created a flutter in the ministerialists, some of whom are said to be wavering.

HINDU SUPPORT TO MOULABUX

Rao Sahib Gokuldas and Doctor Hemandas, the present two Hindu Ministers, have joined Khan Bahadur Haji Moulabux. Some of the Hindu independent members appear to be inclined to lend their support to the Khan Bahadur rather than help Sir Ghulam Hussain in the latter's efforts to form a purely League Ministry.

A meeting of the Hindu Independent Party has been convened this evening to take its final decision.

NON-LEAGUE MINISTRY PROSPECTS

Khan Bahadur Moulabux saw the Governor twice in the morning the Khan Bahadur was told to make sure if he would be able to form a Non-League Ministry and in the evening he actually submitted a list of supporters with their signatures. The European group consisting of three members is supporting him, besides five Hindus. It is quite on cards that he would be able to form a Non-League Ministry.

Sir Ghulam Hussain who tendered resignation of the Ministry only this morning, has not been called to reform ministry. If a group secedes from the League, which is considered likely, Non-League Ministry will be an accomplished fact.—United Press.

Premier Agrees To Release Congressmen To Secure Support

KARACHI March 13. (A. P.)

It is understood that the two sections in the Muslim League Party have composed their differences and accepted the leadership of Sir Ghulam Hussain Hidayatullah on the following terms:—

(1). To set up a Working Committee of ten members of the Ministerial Party to formulate and supervise the policy and programme of the new Government.

(2). The Syed Group to have two of its nominees on the Ministry. Syed Mohd Ali Shah to replace Khan Bahadur Haji Moula Bux.

(3). Expansion of the Ministry after one month so as to appoint another nominee of the Syed Group.

To gain the support of Congress members to the Hidayatullah Ministry, it is said that the Premier has further agreed to release Congressmen in Sind.

The party claims to have the support of 24 Muslims—14 followers of Sir Ghulam Hussain and ten members of the Syed Group. Besides these they count on the support of at least 9 Hindus thus making a majority of 33 in a House of 60.

HIDAYATULLAH'S STATEMENT

KARACHI, March 13 (A.P.I.)—The Premier Sir Ghulam Hussain Hidayatullah has issued the following statement:

"I have submitted the resignation with a view to reconstitute my Ministry, as the leader of the Muslim League Assembly Party. I am the leader of the single largest individual party, and I have an absolute majority in the House with the coalition of the Hindu Independent Party. No other individual can face the House tomorrow, and get the budget through except myself."

SIX KILLED IN HUR-POLICE CLASH

KARACHI, March 13: In a Hur-Police engagement near Shahdadpur yesterday four Hurs and two policemen were killed and one Hur and one Inspector of Police was injured. An injured Hur has been captured.

An encounter followed when police challenged a gang of Hurs which was hiding in bushes. Firing on both sides continued for one hour.—United Press.

SINGAPORE BOMBED FOR SIXTH TIME

WASHINGTON, March 13 (A.P.)—India-based Superfortress bombers, in medium force numbering about 40 planes, struck Singapore for the sixth time with "good results" yesterday, the Twentieth Airforce announced. It said all the aircraft returned to base.

BATTLE FOR BERLIN

Red Army Overcomes Roaring Floodwaters Released By Germans

(From Reuter's Special Correspondent)

MOSCOW, March 13.

The Red Army is to-day piling up men and materials for an assault on Frankfurt-on-Oder, south of captured Kuestrin and the last German bastion guarding Berlin.

Although not officially announced by Moscow, it is believed that the Russians already have a bridgehead on middle Oder less than 40 miles from the German capital. Marshal Zhukov's long range guns and bombers are already softening up the powerful German defence line beyond the Oder in preparation for a possible assault along the Autobahn leading directly to Berlin from Kuestrin.

In the mighty battle on the Berlin front, the Red Army has to overcome roaring floodwaters released by the Germans from specially constructed dams. The newspaper "Red Star" to-day published a photograph of some of the flooded countryside showing smashed pill-boxes and concrete forts.

Meanwhile, Marshal Rokossovksy's troops have cut another large piece off the German pocket round Danzig and Gdynia. The main battle on the Red Army's Baltic flank has now moved out of Pomerania into the former Polish Bay to smash German attempts to evacuate from Baltic ports.

BERLIN, March 13: The German News Agency to-day reported: On the East front "north of Frankfurt our troops prevented the Soviets from widening their bridgeheads" the "communique" said.

"On the southern fringe of Kuestrin the enemy was thrown out from a breach in our positions. In front of Stettin Soviet attacks only led to some insignificant breaches in the northern part of the bridgehead. In west Prussia, strong Soviet armoured forces pushed further to the north-east in the Neustadt area. An enemy attack towards Gdynia was checked".

Battle For Oder Port Of Stettin

MOSCOW, March 13: (A.P.A.)—Heavy Russian guns, firing from the ruins of conquered Kuestrin, hurled a prophetic barrage across the Oder to-day on the centre of the "Berlin line", writes Daniel Deluce.

At least five days of bitter street fighting preceded the capture of Kuestrin, important enemy bridgehead on the east bank of the Oder.

Vital south-east corner at the confluence of the Oder and Warta river has been cleared of Germans, thus opening up lateral communications skirting the Oder from one end of Marshal Zhukov's front to the other.

The companion battle for the great Oder port of Stettin still was being waged by Zhukov. But German resistance inside the city was being melted down steadily.

GRIGG REVIEWS EXPLOITS OF BRITISH ARMY

So Long As Present Japan Exists, We Have No Hope, He Says

LONDON, March 13.

Sir James Grigg, Minister of War, reiterated Britain's determination to join in the defeat of Japan, when reviewing the exploits of the British army in the House of Commons today.

Sir James Grigg who was submitting army estimates, said: "I have heard it said that we in the United Kingdom will be entitled to sit back after finishing with Germany and take less active part in the war against Japan.

A moment's reflection, however, will persuade the most doubtful that there are the most compelling reasons of honour and interest why we should continue our efforts. Indeed it is of the whole essence of our war object that we should do so. We are fighting this war, for the establishment and maintenance of a principle. The elimination of the greater plague spot in Europe cannot assure even the establishment of that principle, let alone its maintenance for all time. So long as present Japan exists, we have no hope of securing the main object for which our fellow countrymen have fallen on the field of battle.

Is it not patent, therefore, that the decision of the Government to pledge themselves and their resources to the Far Eastern campaign when Germany is finished is not only right but inescapable?"

Outlining the new devices produced for 'D' Day, Sir James Grigg mentioned the Bailey Bridge, flail tanks, self-propelled anti-tank guns, mulberry harbour, and flame-throwing tanks, which Field Marshal Montgomery picked out as his particular success.

FIRST GOOD NEWS FROM CALCUTTA

CALCUTTA, March 13: Today the Bengal Government Press Note mentions for the first time that no sick destitutes died in Calcutta hospitals yesterday. There were, however, 20 new admissions.—A. P.

STOP PRESS

NO CONFIRMATION OF PAPEN'S 'CAPTURE'

LONDON, March 13.

British authorities had no confirmation today of a report that Von Papen, the German Ambassador to Turkey, had been captured when his estate in the Saar region was overrun by Allied troops.—Reuter.

Britain To Adopt Imperial Preference?

Courtaulds And Nuffield Group To Operate In India

LONDON, March 13. (U. P. A.)

An editorial in to-day's "Express" deals with Britain's post-war trade policy, urging the adoption of a policy of Imperial Preference which should be developed towards Empire economic unity or Empire free trade.

Stressing that Britain has become a debtor nation, the "Express" says: "We cannot work off our sterling debts except in British goods."

The paper demands that if the Bretton Woods Currency Agreement jeopardizes Imperial Preference, than the Conservatives should reject it because, in the paper's view, the abandonment of Empire trade will involve a savage reduction in the British standard of living. The 'Express' also underlines the fact that British labour leaders as a result of the war, also view the emergence of Socialist parties in the Dominions which will become increasingly "Empire-minded" which is "good for the nation, though not so good for the Tories" which hitherto have been the main champions of the Empire idea.

Indian Orders For British Goods?

Demand for British goods worth £60,000,000 a year is expected to come from India for many years.

This, reports "Daily Express" correspondent Trevor Evans, is the meaning behind the Government talks, which have just ended, on the future of India and its place in the world market for British goods.

"The Government has decided that its policy is to encourage further industrialisation in India, particularly in textiles", he writes. "Instead this making the market less valuable for British goods, transfer of thousands of redundant workers from the land to factories will make India more important.

"British exports to India, which before the war had fallen to below £40,000,000 annually, are expected to increase by at least a half.

"One important result of developments in Indian industries during the war is the decision of leading British firms to start factories in India or co-operate with Indian firms after the war.

"Mr. K. M. Panikkar, Prime Minister of Bikaner State, who is now in London, said on Monday that Courtaulds propose opening in India and the Nuffield Group are concluding working arrangements with an Indian firm. Other British firms have already been assured orders worth millions, particularly in machinery, machine tools and locomotives.

"One Indian industrialist prophesies that new types of British goods will sell well in India, if good salesmen are sent out and if the British Government introduced its own commercial attache service throughout the country.

"There will be increased sales for quality goods only from Lancashire and most machinery orders will come to Britain, because similar goods from America are too expensive."—Globe.

Indian Banks Compete With London

LONDON, March 11: Referring to India in the statement attached to the annual report and accounts of the Eastern Bank Ltd., the Chairman, Sir James Leigh-Wood, states that there has been no marked change in the commercial situation in India and Ceylon during the past year.

"With few exceptions, the surplus of commodities available for export is purchased by British Government departments and paid for by telegraphic transfers on London" he says.

"It is to be supposed that this method must continue for some time yet, while the absence of consumer goods for import still further restricts the functions of exchange banks as formerly practised".

Sir James emphasises that the establishment of indigenous banks under strong local auspices has necessarily resulted in keen competition for advances.

The problem of India's blocked sterling balances is described in the statement as being one of "great complexity that must be faced at the end of the war".—GLOBE.

Hull For San Francisco Conference

WASHINGTON, March 13. (A.P.)—Former Secretary of State Cordell Hull's "physical condition has greatly improved the past few weeks, and it was learned to-day that he definitely plans to attend the San Francisco Conference.

But his attendance at the April meeting will depend upon his continued improvement during the next month.

On Italian Front

ALLIES CAPTURE MONTE SPIGOLINO

ALLIED HEADQUARTERS, MEDITERRANEAN, March 13:—Fifth Army troops captured Monte Spigolino, due west of the Pistoia-Bologna highway, reports today's Allied "communique".

Monte Spigolino is 6,000 feet high.

Reuter's special correspondent in a cable from Allied Headquarters, Mediterranean today, said that Field-Marshal Kesselring's mountain troops attempted to recapture the height, but were repulsed with losses.

The Allied "communique" also reported that Pt boats of the United States navy sank two German F. lighter in an attack on a convoy in the gulf of Genoa, northwest of Spezia.

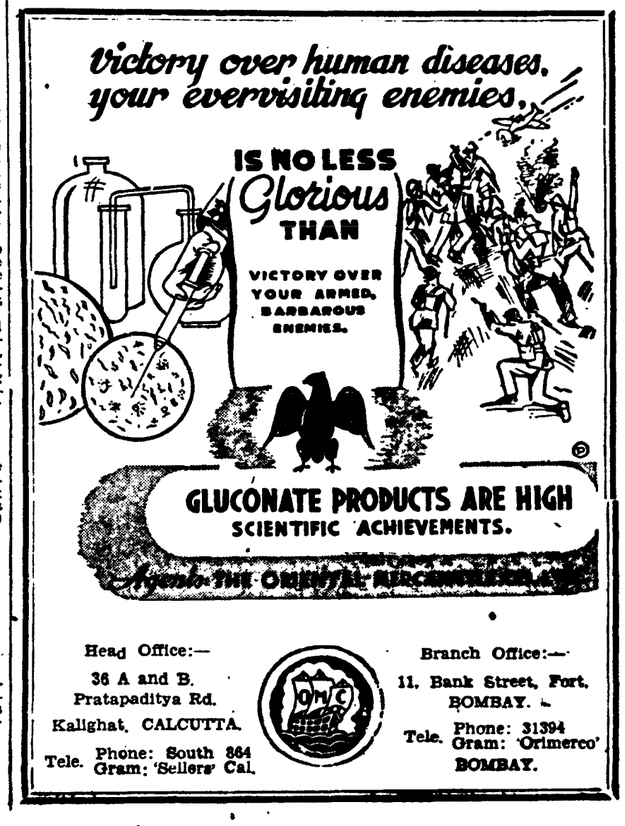
Escorted heavy bombers out in "very great strength" yesterday dropped more than 800 tons of bombs on an oil installation in the Vienna area.

A.-I.N.E.C. STANDING COMMITTEE

BOMBAY, March 13.

Mr. S. A. Brelvi, President, All-India Newspaper Editors' Conference, has nominated the following as members of the Standing Committee:—

Mr. P. W. Bustin, (Editor, "Civil and Military Gazette", Lahore);
Mr. A. R Siddiqi (Editor, "Morning News"), Calcutta.
Mr. Hameed Nizami, (Editor, "Nawa-I-Waqt", Lahore);
Mr. Murli Manohar Prasad, (Editor, "Searchlight", Patna);
Mr. B Shiva Rao, of ("The Hindu", New Delhi).—United Press.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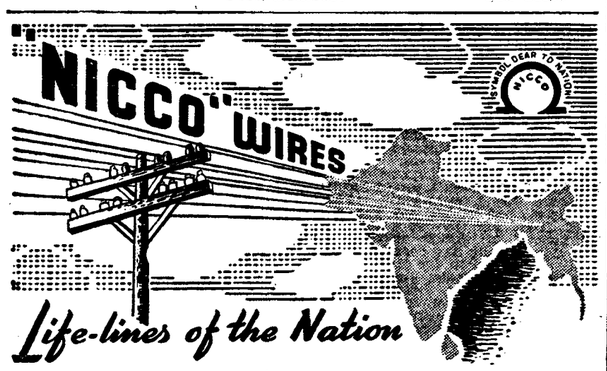

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Assembly Questions

Import Of Fine Cloth

Five Million Yards Got From Abroad From 1942 to 1944

NEW DELHI, March 13.

Two hundred and nine import licences for the import of fine cloth covering approximately five million yards were granted to regular established importers for import from U.K. during July 1942 to December 1944, said the Commerce Member Sir Azizul Huque in reply to Mr. Manu Subedar in the Assembly to-day. No import licences had so far been issued this year.

He indicated in reply to a further question that ten million yards were intended to be imported for the year 1945 from the U.K. The exact qualities included in the allocation to India were not known but some might be similar to those produced in India. The Chairman of the Textile Control Board had been kept fully informed of these facts.

Mr. T. S. A. Chettiar drew attention to the point that what was wanted was yarn which would give employment to handloom weavers and not fine cloth which would throw them out of employment; and he asked whether Government were giving their mind to this aspect of the question. The Commerce Member said steps were being taken to import yarn also.

TECHNICAL EDUCATION ABROAD

The first batch of students was expected to go abroad for technical education in the early autumn this year, said the Education Secretary Mr. J. D. Tyson in reply to Mr. T. S. A. Chettiar. So far as students sent abroad in 1945/46 for technical courses were concerned, the Central Government would meet the entire cost in respect of those who were sent with a view to meeting the requirements of the centrally administered areas. They would meet half the cost in respect of students sent on behalf of provincial Government. The number of students to be sent under these different categories would be decided after the requirements of all the provincial governments and departments of the Central Government had been ascertained. The selection would be made by a special board which would be appointed by the Government of India for this purpose.

Mr. Tyson added in answer to the same member that while every effort would be made to see that adequate representation was given to the scheduled classes and other minority communities provided suitable candidates were forthcoming from these communities, it would defeat the object in view if students who had passed only the high school examination were selected.

WOMEN WORKERS.

No detailed information was available about the wages of women employed in factories in Delhi but the dearness allowance paid to them ranged from Rs. 10 to Rs. 32, and so far as was known there was no difference in wages and dearness allowance paid to men and women doing the same kind of work, said the Labour Member in reply to Mrs. Subbarayan.

Mrs. Renuka Ray: Would it surprise the Hon. Member to learn that 3,500 women working in threadball factories in Delhi do not get any dearness allowance and men and women do not receive equal wages; and would he make enquiries about this?

Dr. Ambedkar: Nothing that comes from the Hon. Lady Member will surprise me (laughter).

Prof. Ranga and Mr. T. S. A. Chettiar objected to this reply and Mr. Chettiar on a point of order stated that the tone of replies given to-day by members on the Treasury benches was objectionable. The chair remarked that so far as tone was concerned, it was not only one part of the House that could be blamed. (Cheers).—A.P.

Suit Against Insurance Company

INJUNCTION GRANTED IN PART

(Before the Hon'ble Mr. Justice Bhagwati)

Nandlal Zaver & Another—Plaintiffs vs.

The Bombay Life Assurance Co. Ltd. & Others—Defendants.

This was an application for a temporary injunction restraining the defendant-directors from increasing the capital of the first defendant company from Rs. 5,40,400/- to Rs. 10,00,000/- by the issue of 4,596 new shares of Rs. 100/- each to be offered in the first instance to the shareholders of the company at a premium of Rs. 75/- per share, pending the disposal of the Notice of Motion.

The plaintiffs alleged that the issue of the new shares was not in the interests of the company which was in a sound financial condition with a life-fund of Rs. 2,75,00,000/- but was proposed to be made by the majority of the directors with the object of retaining for themselves the control of the company for which a struggle had been going on between the second defendant Manekial Premchand, who was in a majority in the Board of Directors, and certain other persons. Counsel for the plaintiffs further contended that the terms of the offer of new shares, under which the directors had reserved the power to refuse to transfer the new shares to the names of persons in whose favour the existing shareholders had renounced the new shares, also showed the directors' "mala fides" in making the offer of new shares.

His lordship was of opinion that the offer of new shares was in compliance with Section 105C of the Companies Act and was not illegal. His lordship then discussed the point of want of bona fides on the part of the directors and came to the conclusion that an injunction be granted restraining the defendant-directors from allotting only the 272 new shares which had not yet been allotted, the 329 new shares in respect of which applications had not yet been received, and the 31 new shares in respect of which letters of renunciation had been received in favour of persons who were not shareholders. His lordship made no order on the Motion in respect of the remaining new shares. His lordship made the costs of all parties, costs in the cause.

Mr. F. J. Coltman instructed by Messrs. Cragie Blunt & Caroe appeared for the plaintiffs in support of the Motion.

Mr. M. C. Setalvad and Mr. G. N. Joshi instructed by Messrs. Kanga & Co. appeared for the first defendant company.

Mr. K. M. Munshi, Mr. Y. N. Joshi and Mr. J. M. Shelat instructed by Messrs. Jadhavji & Co. appeared for defendants 2 to 6 and 8.

Mr. D. B. Desai instructed by Messrs. Amarchand & Mangaldas appeared for the 7th defendant.

America's Increasing Interest In India

Colleges Plan Courses Of Study In Every Aspect Of Indian Life

With American interest in India quickened by wartime developments, many important U. S. schools and universities now include courses of study in Indian history, culture and civilization.

Impetus for many of these courses on Indian studies is given by the Watumull Foundation which also is sponsoring the establishment of fellowships, exchange professorships and scholarships in American and Indian schools of learning.

First of these courses in the United States begins with the fall semester of American University, in Washington, D.C., the nation's capital.

With Obaidur Rahman of the United Nations Interim Commission of Food and Agriculture as lecturer, the American University's School of Social Science and Public Affairs has prepared an impressive programme of study which will include every aspect of Indian life—social, cultural and economic. Rahman formerly was India Agency General in Washington and Assistant editor of "Capital" in Calcutta.

"Indian history, culture and civilization not only have a rich contribution to make to ideas about life, but will play an increasingly large role in the years to come as India develops greater economic strength", Dr. Paul F. Douglass, president of American University, declared.

Dr. Harry W. Ketchum, dean of undergraduates of American University, also expressed enthusiasm for the project which he described as "merely the beginning of a substantial programme of study of India—so that we in this country may know and understand all aspects and aspirations of that great land."

"If the course is successful, the Foundation will consider its extension another year and increase the funds", states Mrs. G. J. Watumull, co-founder with her husband of the Foundation which bears their name.

The programme for Indian studies has received favourable and appreciative comment from official circles in the capital of the United States, according to Dr. Douglass.

EXTENSION COURSES ARRANGED

"Modern India: A Social, Cultural and Economic Survey" is the theme of the studies prepared by American University. The proposed course will be extensive, beginning with an analysis of India's place in the world: strategic, economic, political and cultural importance.

Next will come a study of the geography and topography of the land and its climate, people, population, races, religions and languages.

The Government and administration of India will find an important place in the programme. It will include a social survey of the structure of Indian society, rural and urban, the occupations, economic status, religions and traditions of the country.

American students will hear descriptions of India's literature, philosophy, science, architecture, painting, music, dancing, theatrical art and other expressions of the fine arts. Trends of thought in India today; development of modern education, technical and special skills, all will be encompassed in this all-inclusive course.

The economic surveys made of India, its natural resources, mineral, agriculture and water power; its occupational divisions, trade and commerce; as well as prospects of post-war economic reconstruction and development will be studied by American students. The course also will include a survey of various plans for India's further economic development and possible commercial and economic relations with the United States.

An outstanding authority on international affairs, Pitman B. Potter, Chairman of the Department of International Affairs of American University, will co-operate in the presentation of the Indian course.

American University, which has a beautiful campus in Washington, will give the programme on India in its downtown building which is more easily reached by Government workers who are interested in the course.

The Watumull Foundation was established by G. J. Watumull of Honolulu, Hawaii, who was born in Hyderabad, Sind. The Foundation's headquarters are in Los Angeles, California. Among its projects for the future is an exchange plan whereby Professor Merle Curti, an outstanding scientist of the University of Wisconsin, will be sent to leading Indian universities, and an Indian lecturer will be sent to the United States to give first-hand knowledge of India to American students.

STUDENTS AND COMMUNISTS

Agarwal Elucidates Point In Constructive Programme

WARDHAGANJ, March 13.

Principal S. N. Agarwal, has issued the following statement: "I have been asked by several prominent Congress workers of various provinces to elucidate the second point of the Fourteen-point Constructive programme for Students which was recently published by me with the approval of Mahatma Gandhi.

"In the Second point I had appealed to the students not to dissipate their energies in mutual squabbles but present a United Front. I am aware of the fact that there are two All-India Students' organisations, namely, the Students' Federation and the Students' Congress: the first is dominated by the Communists, and the second is run in accordance with the ideals of the Indian National Congress.

"While Gandhiji is of the definite opinion that students should not take an active part in party politics, he does desire that all the students should willingly gather round the Tri-Colour national flag and work out the constructive programme chalked out by him.

"It is very unfortunate that the Communists should have utilised the Students' Federation to popularise their 'Peoples' War' slogan and thus disrupted the students' ranks. It is, however, now desirable that, wherever possible, the two students' organisations should work together in accordance with Gandhiji's instructions and serve the country. Where this is not possible, the Students' Congress and the Students' Federation are, of course, free to pursue their own programme without creating unnecessary bitterness and recriminations among the students.—United Press.

NEW DELHI, March 13: On account of increased cost of living the British North Borneo (Chartered) Company have decided to grant war bonus to their pensioners in India, says a Press Note. This will be on the same scale as temporary increases sanctioned by the Colonial Office in the pensions payable in India to the pensioners of the Government of Hongkong and the Malayan Governments.—A.P.

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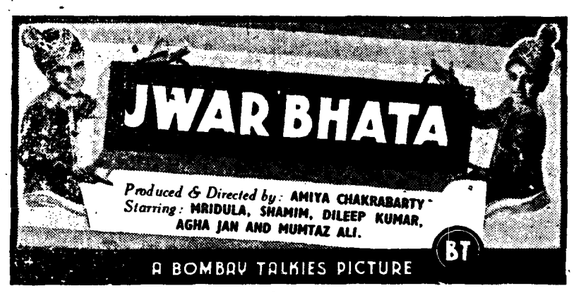
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To-day's Engagements

ALEXANDRA GIRLS' ENGLISH INSTITUTION: Founder's Day Sports to be held on the Cooperage today (Wednesday) at 3 p m (S T) Mr S. N. Moos, I E S, C I E Director of Public Instruction, will preside.

SWAMI SHARVANANDAJI'S DECTURE: His Holiness Swami Sharvanandaji of Ramakrishna Mission will speak on 'GUIDE TO SPIRITUAL LIFE' at Vanmali Hall, Dadar, today (Wednesday) at 7 p m.

STANDING COMMITTEE OF CORPORATION: The weekly meeting of the Standing Committee will be held in the Corporation Hall, today (Wednesday) at 2-30 p m (Bombay Time).

UNITED OLDGE OF THEOSOPHISTS: Question and Answer Meeting preceded by a short talk on "REINCARNATION" Jehangir Wadia Bldg., Flora Fountain, today 6-15 p m.

PETIT FASALL ATASHKADEH: Parvardegan Celebrations daily upto 20th inst. At 6-30 p m Dasturji Bode leads joint prayer and gives special sermon on interesting subject every day.

ALL-INDIA MEDICAL LICENTIATES ASSOCIATION: General Body meeting of the Bombay Branch of the A.I. M L A will be held today (Wednesday) at Dr N P Shah's Consulting Rooms 53 Church Street, Dadar, B B and C I Rly. near Dr. D'Silva High School, Bombay, 14 at 4 p m (S T).

The Managing Committee meeting will be held at 3-30 p m at the same place.

PANDIT SUNDERLALJI TO ADDRESS STUDENTS: Under the auspices of the Bombay Students' Union (Nationalist) Pandit Sunderlalji the famous author and writer will address students workers in the Union Office (42, Kennedy Bridge at 6-30 p m today (Wednesday).

BHATIA STREE MANDAL: Under the management of the Mandal an Annual Gathering and exhibition of the Hand-crafts by students of Seth Gordhandas Karsandas Balmandir and Primary School will be held today (Wednesday) at 5 p m. The Mayor of Bombay will preside over the function at Shri Vithoba Mandir, Jambli Street, Koliwada Mandvi.

STUDENTS' CLEAN LABOUR CHAWLS: A batch of student workers from the Bombay Students' Union (Nationalist) visited Labour chawls at Dharawi on Sunday. For two hours they cleaned and cleaned the chawls and explained the labourers the importance of sanitation. Mr. Alban D'Souza the Corporator praised this work of students and appealed to them to take up this useful work permanently.

ANTHROPOLOGICAL SOCIETY: Prof. G. S. Ghurye President of the Society, will give his Presidential Address on "Culture and Society", at the Annual General Meeting of the Society, in the B B Royal Asiatic Society's rooms, Town Hall, today (Wednesday) at 6 p m (S T) The report and accounts for 1944 will be submitted and Office-bearers for 1945 will be elected.

BIHAR ASSOCIATION BOMBAY: The annual general meeting of the Bihar Association Bombay, held in the Monomad Haji Saboo Siddik Institution Hall, Byculla, on Sunday last under the presidentship of Mr. M. S. Mallick elected following office-bearers: President: Prof N A Naqvi; Vice-President: Mr J P Verma and Mr M S Mallick; General Secretary: Mr K R P Sinha, Jt Secy Mr S G Murtaza; Treasurer; Mr S S Deshnavi. Prof Sayad Reza and Mr S A Jahir were elected as auditors.

SHREE DATTA MANDIR, TALMAKIWADI: Thursday 15-3-1945. Reading of New Year Phal from 7-30 p m to 8-30 p m and Kirtan from 9 p m to 10-30 p m by Shree Trimbak Joshi Pandharpurkar Buwa and Arti and Prasad. The usual Ram Navami Festival will Commence from 13/4/45 to 20/4/45 but Kirtan will be performed daily from 15/3/45 to 12/4/45 being Adhikmas (Chaitra) from 9 to 10-30 p m.

GITA KENDRA: Discourse on "Gita" by Acharya T A Venkateswara Dikshitar today (Wednesday) and tomorrow at 9 p m at Asthika Samaj, Matunga.

Charcoal And Firewood Traders' Licences

The period of licences issued under the Bombay Charcoal Trade and the Bombay Firewood Trade Licensing Orders, 1944, expires on March 31. All those who hold licences under these orders, therefore should apply for renewal of their licences, in the prescribed form, to the licensing authorities.

Externee Gets Six Months

(From Our Correspondent)

BANDRA, March 13.—Prabhu Jankl, an externee of the Bombay and Bombay Suburban District who was arrested on October 26, 1944, at Borivli under Section 46 (5) of the District Police Act for being found in the Bombay Suburban District was sentenced by Mr. B. V. Trivedi, First Class City Magistrate, Bandra, to suffer R.I. for 6 months

NOTHING BUT CRUEL MOCKERY

Indian Merchants' Chamber Protests Against Nominations For San Francisco

The Committee of the Indian Merchants' Chamber have today sent the following telegram to His Excellency the Viceroy:

"Committee Indian Merchants Chamber understand that a Conference of United Nations is to be held at San Francisco next month to consider and decide as to what steps should be taken for building up an International Organisation for preserving and promoting world security in the future. It is, therefore, absolutely essential in the opinion of the Committee that such representatives of a country alone should be sent to such a Conference as would enjoy the confidence of the people of their country can speak in their name at the Conference can uphold their national interests and thus assist in the deliberations of achieving the goal of the Conference of building up a world security organisation in which their own country can play its part as a free nation on an equal footing with other members of that organisation. Without such representation the object of promoting world security cannot be achieved.

"That seems one of the main reasons why countries like United Kingdom, United States of America and Canada have decided to send representatives of all parties in the country, officials and non-officials to the proposed Conference. When countries possessing National Governments are sending Ministers as well as others to such an International Conference Committee consider it a matter of supreme importance for India which does not enjoy a National Government that it should send only non-officials enjoying the confidence of the country alone to speak in the name of India at such a gathering.

"Committee are, therefore, amazed that instead of sending such real national representatives to such an important gathering, Government of India, in utter disregard of the universal feeling and demand in the country in that connection, have selected their own Members of their Executive Council to represent India at such a Conference and are constrained to state that attempt made in the Assembly by Government spokesman to justify the nomination made by Government on the ground that it was on a ministerial level is nothing but a cruel mockery of the representation of the true interests of India and her people at this International gathering. Members forming irresponsible, unrepresentative and non-national Government can never reflect the national aspirations and national demands of a country at an international gathering and Committee are grieved to observe that despite several protests in the past against such non-national representation at International Conferences, Government should have again persisted in sending representatives of Government which have only recently sustained over half a dozen signal defeats in the Assembly in less than two weeks. Committee therefore consider it their duty to lodge their most serious and emphatic protest against the policy which is fundamentally detrimental to the vital interests and needs of the country and urges upon Government in all earnestness to send only such representatives to San Francisco Conference as fully share the aspirations of the people and can effectively help as the true representatives of their country in the evolution of an organisation where India can find her place as an equal amongst other free countries of the world."

Elections To Municipal Statutory And Advisory Committees

Elections to the Statutory and Advisory Committees of the Bombay Municipal Corporation were held at a meeting of the Corporation on Tuesday. The elections are to fill vacancies caused by rotation.

Mr. S. L. Silam was elected to the Law, Revenue and General Purposes Committee.

Mr. Madhavlal M. Bhat and Mr. Ratilal M. Gandhi were elected to the Bombay Port Trust Board.

Messrs. Khimji M. Bhuipuria, Yellappa L. Bijja, K. H. Goregaokar, V. A. Karapurkar, M. U. Mascarenhas, B. H. Rajadhyaksha, Manilal J. Seth and Cooverji J. Shah were elected to the Improvements Committee.

Results of elections to the Standing Committee, the Schools Committee and to Board of Management of the Acworth Leper Home, Matunga, will be announced at the next meeting of the Corporation on Friday.

Earlier an attempt was made by Prof. S. R. Davar to adjourn the House. It is understood that the motion of adjournment was in respect of the death of the senior Maharani of Kolhapur. The motion was pressed to a division but was lost 13 voting for and 47 against.

Passengers Riding On Foot-Boards Of Carriages

During the month of February 1945, 36 persons were prosecuted in Bombay Courts and convicted for travelling on foot-boards of trains on the G. I. P. Railway. Fines ranging from Rs. 3 to Rs. 10 were imposed.

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A THOUGHT FOR THE DAY

National planning does not mean surrender of any essential citizen liberties; ..... freedom of opinion and its expression, in public or private, in speech or writing; freedom of association for political and other purposes; freedom of movement and choice of useful occupations; personal property and an income of one's own, with freedom to save or spend it. These are essential liberties. They must be preserved. They can be preserved.

—SIR WILLIAM BEVERIDGE.

The Bombay Chronicle

WILL BRITAIN HEED?

Thanks to Sir M. Zafrulla Khan's speech at the Commonwealth Relations Conference in England Mrs. Pandit's propaganda in America, the early prospect of victory for the Allies and the universal political discontent in this country, the Indian constitutional problem is again coming to the front in Britain. Many Britishers have come to feel that a mere waiting attitude of His Majesty's Government may harm Britain as well as India. It is true that, when certain Labour members asked in the Commons whether the British Government would again take the initiative with a fresh declaration of policy, Mr. Amery only gave his stereotyped reply that there was no need "at this juncture to make any fresh statement on the India policy of His Majesty's Government which had been made fully clear to the world in the draft declaration published on March, 29, 1942, and in subsequent pronouncements by His Majesty's ministers", and that the fulfilment of that policy depended "upon the common measure of agreement between the principal parties which His Majesty's Government sincerely wish to see attained." But what is noteworthy is that a Liberal like Mr. Graham White suggested that it was time the British Government itself made a demarche. Even the "Times" of London warned Britain that "anti-British sentiment if not replaced by better understanding may attain a pitch at which it will imperil that close co-operation between Britain and India in the world after the war upon which the future of both countries and indeed of general security so largely depend." The "Times" makes the specific suggestion of a conference of Cabinet Ministers of self-governing provinces, "Reinforced, it may be hoped, by the restoration of autonomy to those units which are at the moment under emergency administration". But the paper rightly puts most emphasis on the general principle that "the obligation that still lies upon Britain must be acknowledged." This is clearly a reminder to Mr. Amery that Britain cannot afford to follow a do-nothing policy till the parties in India themselves prepare an agreed constitution.

Britain has a heavy responsibility in resolving a deadlock for which she is largely responsible. Even if she had made a definite unequivocal offer to India, to be implemented if it was accepted by certain specified parties in this country, she could not wholly evade the responsibility to go on taking the initiative till a settlement was effected, a settlement being essential as much to her interests as to India's. But as a matter of fact, no definite unequivocal offer stands. The Cripps offer was fairly such for the reason, among others, that it left almost everything about the future constitution to be decided by a constituent Assembly, though there was some doubt about the position of the Princes. But that offer was publicly recalled with suspicious haste just at the time when it appeared that an agreement was possible, as if Government were afraid of the possible agreement. Later the definiteness which was one of the best features of the offer disappeared. At one time British ministers said that the offer was still open in its broad outlines. That itself created an element of doubt. But soon the offer was made more indefinite and problematical by being made subject to an agreement by important parties in India. Government shrewdly refrained from making it clear not only what are the outlines of the offer that are professed to be open but which precisely are the parties whose approval of the offer is necessary for Government's implementing it. At different times different parties are named. Finally, never, so far as we know, has Government definitely pledged itself to implement its offer if accepted by all parties or an alternative agreement between the parties. Government's attitude is purely negative. It says in effect to the people of India: "If you all agree inspite of ourselves we shall see what we can do within the limits of Mr. Churchill's decision 'to hold what is ours'. But if you do not agree, we shall continue to hold you responsible for the failure and advertise that fact before the world."

That is certainly the limit of unfairness. But the men that count in the world know what is what and the ways of imperial Britain. The Conference at San Francisco will know more the deliberate and complete suppression of the popular element telling its own tale. And the world will know the worst after the war. If Britain thinks she can now afford to defy public opinion in India, India will know how to deal with her. But if Britain realises at least now the need of ensuring whatever co-operation may still be available from India, she must stop her unfair tactics, choose the accredited leaders of India to represent her at all the Conferences where she is to be represented, and should make a fair constitutional offer to her at least on the lines suggested by Sir M. Zafrullah Khan. If at the same time Government releases Congress leaders and other political detenus the situation in the country will be transformed as by magic. India has always been forgiving, perhaps too forgiving in dealing with Britain. She may yet forgive Britain much.

Frankly Speaking

On Road To Berlin

The capture of Kuestrin, a big German strong point 45 miles from Berlin, is an important victory for Marshal Zhukov's forces. How important it is is clear from the fact that the Nazis had been holding out with fierce resistance for quite a long time. It clears the road to Berlin. And having already virtually secured his northern flank, Zhukov is now ready to begin the final drive. In fact, the Germans have been reporting Red Army operations on the Berlin side of Oder for some days now. It is quite probable that Moscow's silence is in the nature of the usual security blackout which the Russians always impose when they begin some large scale offensive and lift it only when it has decisively got going. Zhukov's long expected drive may, therefore, have already begun.

The Rhine Front

In any case the stage is set for the big heave from the east. What about the west? The American First Army which luckily found an undestroyed bridge on the Rhine exploited its good luck with admirable promptitude and boldness. It has had its reward. The Remagen bridgehead has been by now fairly well extended and securely held. And it is continually extending. The Third Army in the south has practically reached Coblenz. And in the north of the First Army the Canadians and the British are already on the Rhine and the Germans on the other side have lately shown great signs of nervousness. They are expecting a crossing. On the west also a stage is set, the stage preliminary to the big heave. Let us hope General Eisenhower soon takes his front across to the German side of the Rhine, the only remaining obstacle to the decisive battle of Germany and the last battle of the war in Europe.

Open Betrayal

The Sind Ministerial tangle is likely to be resolved at any rate for the time being. The two Muslim League factions have decided to co-operate and, with the support of one of the Hindu groups they are expected to have a majority in the Assembly. It is, however, difficult to understand that the Leaguers are keen on securing Congress support. That part of the report may turn out to be incorrect. The "crisis" has served one purpose at least. It has brought into prominent relief certain things scarcely complimentary to the Muslim League and its leaders. We have already pointed to the curious fact that, more than Mr. Syed, Sir Ghulam Hussain committed a breach not only of League discipline but also of the very principles of the League, as propounded frequently by Mr. Jinnah. He deserved to be denounced forthwith and unreservedly. The League High Command tolerated a grave crime against the fundamentals of the League in order to persuade him to revise his policy. The League High Command has not only accepted in the fold but retained as a Premier a man, who has proved by his actions untrue to their organisation. The meaning of this tolerance is clear. The light in which Sir Ghulam Hussain has emerged cannot be defended even by a man like the Sind Premier. With the pledge to stick to the Hidayatullah-Moula Bux coalition which Sir Ghulam Husain gave in writing and which he has now coolly dishonoured, his policy and his principles do not need any comment. We cannot recall any parallel even from Sind to match the betrayal of Haji Moula Bux.

Syed In 'Purdah'

As to Mr. Syed, his fall is rather tragic. There is nothing wrong in Mr. Syed's executing, as a loyal Muslim Leaguer, an "unconditional surrender" to his High Command even though the latter followed the line of convenience and expediency rather than of principle in making him their whipping boy. But the whipping boy has gone a little too far in patriotic self-humiliation. To declare that he had felt too ashamed to face his people is to overindulge in the luxury of sackcloth and ashes. He is spoiling his spiritual exaltation achieved through "unconditional surrender" with exaggerations. He himself cannot really believe that he went, or felt like going into purdah because of that sin of disobedience, the attempt to oust Sir Ghulam Hussain. Nor, of course, can any one else believe it. Why a good many days after the commission of the sin and the Qaid-i-Azam's denunciation of it, a public meeting of the Karachi Muslim League was captured by the opposition. The League and its officials are pro-Ghulam Hussain. The people who captured it because they had the majority were supporters of Mr. G. M. Syed and passed a resolution of confidence in his leadership. How could the purdah-loving leader forget that very complimentary fact, which also contradicts his self-deprecation? The fact is that Mr. G. M. Syed is mistaken in trying to match Sir Ghulam Husain as a tactician.

Readers' View

SKIM MILK

We are receiving a number of enquiries from the Hotel-keepers as to whether they should receive their supplies of the skim milk powder allotted to them for the month of March '45, if they had stock with them. And we also understand that there is some misunderstanding in some quarters regarding this and hence we have to inform all Hotel-keepers that there is no necessity of drawing supplies of skim milk powder for the current month if the stock of the same with them is likely to last upto the end of the current month and there is no necessity of declaring the stock of skim milk powder held by individual Hotel-keeper either at the end of the week or at the end of the month.

V. R. VYAS.
Bombay and Suburban Hotel Keepers' Association.
Hon. Secretary,

Standing Committee Of A.-I. N. E. C.

Sir,—I have noted with regret reports in the press emanating from various centres in the country deploring the absence of representation of certain newspaper interests on the Standing Committee of the A. I. N. E. C. The representatives of the Marathi and Telugu press, to mention only two of them, have protested against the absence of Marathi and Telugu newspapers on the Standing Committee. It is surprising that in a purely professional matter of this character, newspapers are used as a medium for ventilation of grievances. Such grievances exist in all other professions, e.g., Medical, Lawyers', Engineering and other professions, but I do not ever remember having read them in the columns of the public press. It is not fair that newspapers should be used for the expression of such grievances, because the public is not interested in them. It is only the men of the profession that can be expected to take some interest in such complaints, and it is proper that these grievances should be ventilated only through the professional organisations. The other point which strikes one's notice in this connection is that the newspapers themselves ask for special representation of certain interests. When it is open to any representative of the press to get himself elected to the Standing Committee, the question of absence of representation does not arise. If any group of newspapers, belonging to a particular language, is strong in the Conference, it is impossible to keep any of its representatives out of the Standing Committee. When membership of the Standing Committee can be secured by elections, it is not correct to say that the A.I.N.E.C. has not given "representation" to any particular interest. If an interest fails to secure representation, the fault lies probably with the interests in not joining the Conference in large numbers, and making its voice adequately felt. It is also regrettable that newspapers which, in the political field, have fought against separate electorates and reservation of seats, should in their own professional organisation ask for such reservations. No other professional organisation, I can think of, has put forward claims of the kind which newspapers have put forward in regard to places on the Standing Committee. In the Trade Union Congress, the Railwaymen's Federation, the Bar Council, and the Medical Council, to mention a few professional organisations, so far nothing has been heard about any interest claiming reservation of seats. In all these organisations the best men are supposed to be chosen, whoever they may be. It does not matter to a doctor whether a Surgeon or an Optician is elected to a medical council as long as he is a competent representative of his profession. If newspapers take up this healthy attitude, it will be to the good of their organisation. Persistence in separatist cries goes ill with the professions of newspapers that separate electorates and reservation of seats are not the proper expression of the democratic spirit!

MEMBER OF A.I.N.E.C.
Nagpur, March 5.

RESTRICTIONS ON M.L.A.'s TO BE WITHDRAWN?

TEZPUR, March 13. (A.P.I.): It is reported that the Assam Government is considering the question of withdrawal of the restrictions imposed on certain M.L.A.'s in order to enable them to attend the Budget session.

The internment order served on Mr. K. Das, M.L.A. has been withdrawn, while Mr. Haladhar Bhuyan, M.L.A., of Nowgong, has been released from jail.

Bombay Govt.'s Bus Venture

Three Zones To Be Taken Over With 65 P. C. Of Monetary Responsibility

(From Our Correspondent)
AHMEDABAD, March 13

It is learnt that Government has decided to take over management of Bus services of three zones in Bombay Province. These three zones are from Ahmedabad to Kaira, from Kaira to Broach and from Broach to Bombay. Three Bus Companies will be constituted in the three different zones.

In this concern the monetary responsibility of the Government will be 65 per cent., while 35 per cent of the present Bus-owners. It is understood that a capital of about 30 to 40 lakhs will be involved in this concern.

OUSTING SMALL MOTOR OPERATOR

Likely Effect Of Road Transports Scheme

NAGPUR, March 13

The sixth session of the All-India Motor Transport Union will be held here on March 24 under the presidentship of Mr. Abdul Quayum, Deputy Leader of the Congress Party in the Central Assembly.

It is learnt that a deputation of the Provincial Motor Transport Union which recently went to Wardha sought Gandhiji's views regarding the road transport scheme of the Railway Board divulged in the Central Assembly.

Dr. Syed Mahmud criticises the scheme as likely to oust the small motor operator from the road and deprive him of his daily bread. He is sure that the Central Assembly will stoutly refuse all attempts to revive the demand of Rs. 82 lakhs which was already once rejected.

The object of the All-India Motor Union Conference is to discuss the said road transport scheme and express opinion thereon as also other problems facing the motor industry.—United Press.

WHITHER INDIAN INSURANCE?

(By DAHYABHAI V. PATEL)

In his clear and cryptic appeal Mr. J. C. Setalvad, the retiring President of the Federation of the Indian Chamber of Commerce and Industry, asked the Insurance Industry to sink its differences and to be prepared to make adjustments between the various interests concerned. There is, however, a 'but' and a big 'but' at that as to who is to make the sacrifice under these adjustments. He mentions that out of 159 Indian Life Offices as many as 80 Offices have a deficit valuation but how much out of total life insurance business on the books of the Indian Life Offices stands on the books of these deficit Companies? It has been pointed out that less than 2 per cent of the total life insurance business on the books of the Indian Insurance Companies stands on the books of the extravagantly managed Companies. Thanks to the efforts of the Life Insurance agent, who has been toiling to educate the Indian public and make them insurance-minded, people have learnt to discriminate between Companis that are and are not well managed.

It is no longer a secret that when the Insurance Bill of 1938 was passed Sir N. N. Sarkar, the then Law Member had to choose between dropping the measure altogether or excluding any restriction on the commission payable to Chief Agents as it was feared that the combination of British Insurance interests in India and the India Chief Agents in the House would have been strong enough to defeat the whole measure. He had to agree to this compromise to see the measure through. The result has been that while poor agents have been handicapped in many ways the Chief Agents got away scot free and have been fattening at his expense. If further restrictions have to come it is now the turn of the Chief Agents and the Heads of extravagantly managed Companies rather than the poor agent. He has once suffered a cut and, being entitled to neither any dearness allowance nor annual bonus, is already labouring under difficult conditions. The case of the Life Insurance agent is further prejudiced because both the Government and the Heads of Fire and General Insurance Companies appear to be agreed on further reducing commission on that class of business. One of the, objects of Government in bringing up this Amendment Bill was to remove this defect and to prevent anybody who could just name two dummy agents from being styled as Special Agent and thus escape the limitation of commission laid down in the Insurance Act as it stands today. It was also the intenton of Government to limit the commission payable to Chief Agents but they have now combined and pooled together a large sum of money to protect their interests.

Under the circumstances the case of the poor agent is likely to go by default. A vast majority of them are part-time workers engaged in their own fierce struggle for existence having neither the opportunity, means or time to take combined action and it is only when someone like Mr. H. E. Jones, Manager of India's largest Life Office the 'Oriental', takes up their case that their 'pont' of view is even heard. As rightly pointed out by him, the measure of this type should be carefully considered by the Post-war Insurance Committee which after ascertaining views of all sections should make its recommendations to Government. An Amending Bill in light of these recommendations should then be put before a properly representative elected legislative body instead of being rushed through the dilapidated legislature that is functioning today in such indecent haste.

It is interesting to note that similar legislation was proposed by the Superintendent of Insurance, Mr. Behs of New York, U. S. A. Five Fellows of the Actuarial Society were appointed in 1927 to draft the amendments but these were not put through the legislature as unanimous support was lacking, the opposition being mainly from the Life Underwriters' Association viz. the Agents who are a well-organised body in that country. It was his successor Mr. Albert Conway who finally overcame the opposition by allaying their fears and after all other sections had approved of the measure it was put through by an unanimous vote in 1929 to be effective from 1st January 1930. The Superintendent has sufficient powers under the existing law (Section 22) to deal with the Companies that are extravagant or not solvent. Why does he not use these powers more often? If the process under the existing law is slow or defective it should be remedied After all the business of all the extravagantly managed Companies together is about two per cent of the total business of Indian Companies and neither the impostion of heavy fines which they could ill, afford to pay nor the unnecessarily imposing of fresh restrictions on well managed Companies is going to help them. Expediting action against offending Companies would be enough.

To be really effective drastic legislation of this type should be made and administered by a properly constituted popular legislature and what is more by a truly national Government. The Superintendent of Insurance under such a Government would not be so reticent about using his powers. With the coming of the truly national Government many such problems which appear to loom large today would become insignificant. Let us, therefore, hope and work to reach that goal.

HOUSE-TO-HOUSE FIGHTING IN MANDALAY

Chinese Continue Advance On Lashio-Hsipaw Road

ADV. HQ., ALFSEA, March 13: Today's S.E.A.C. communique says: FOURTEENTH ARMY: Nineteenth Indian Division troops continue to clear Mandalay City against stiff opposition, house-to-house fighting is taking place.

From the bridgehead west of Mandalay the second British and Twentieth Indian Divisions made further progress and each occupied three villages. Six Japanese guns were captured.

The road and railway between the Ava bridge (nine miles S. W. of Mandalay, across the Irrawaddy to Sagaim) and Myotha, have been cut.

The fourth Corps troops operating from Meiktila (approximately 80 miles S. W. of Mandalay) are meeting stiff resistance. Increasing artillery fire is being encountered by our columns radiating from Meiktila.

FIFTEENTH INDIAN CORPS: Following a heavy artillery concentration our troops have captured the high feature in the Tamandu area on which the enemy has been holding out.

NORTHERN COMBAT AREA: In a sharp engagement near mile 19 on the Namtu-Hsipaw Road yesterday Chinese troops inflicted casualties on the enemy. Troops of the Chinese First Army continued their advance along the Lashio-Hsipaw Road.

DEMANDS OF POSTS AND TELEGRAPHS STAFF

Deputation Waits On Sir Md. Usman

NEW DELHI, (By Mail)

The Hon. Mr. S. M Nauman, M.L.A. (Central), President of the Indian Posts and Telegraphs' Union, led a deputation consisting of the Secretaries of several Provincial Unions to the Hon. Sir Mohammed Usman, Member-in-charge Posts and Air on the 9th instant.

The official side included Sir Gurunath Bewoor, Secretary, Posts and Air, Mr. W. H. Shoobert, Director-General, Posts and Telegraphs, The Additional Secretary of the Finance Department was also present.

Mr. Nauman was assisted by Khan Saheb Mohammed Jamil, General Secretary, Indian Posts and Telegraphs Union Central.

Mr. Nauman explained to the Hon. Member the sad economic plight of the salaried Posts and Telegraphs staff who appeared to be the only class of workers that have not been benefited by the war. The Postal staff have been declared to have earned the distinction of being above corruption and the Government have not listened to their appeals for living conditions. He stressed the immediate need for the grant of dearness allowance of 50 per cent of the pay of the staff subject to a minimum of Rs. 30 and a maximum of Rs. 80. As regards the revision of scales Mr. Nauman pointed out that as the conditions—world depression of 1931—which necessitated the introduction of new scales of pay no longer hold good and as the present war and the consequent inflation have altered the economic fabric of life these new scales of pay should be totally abolished and an enquiry committee like wages board should be formed for an adequate revision of salaries.

SIR MD. USMAN'S ASSURANCE

The Hon. Sir Mohammed Usman gave a patient hearing and assured the deputation that an enhanced dearness allowance was contemplated to be announced shortly after the receipt of the Krishna Prasada report which was expected by the middle of March. As regards the salary scales even though discussions on the subject are going on, no decision was likely to be arrived at till the end of the war. The deputation was further informed that the issue was a bigger one as it embraced the question of salaries in all Central Government Services.

I. C. I. WON'T DUMP IT ON INDIA, SAYS DELHI

NEW DELHI, March 13

A Press Note says: Reports have appeared in the Press that the I.C.I. purchased before the war a plant of German-make having a capacity to manufacture 350.000 tons of Sulphate of Ammonia, which was erected in Manchester but was found unsatisfactory and is now lying idle, and that the recommendations of the Technical Mission appointed to advise on the production of artificial fertilisers in India are designed to "dump" that plant on this country.

The Government of India wish to make it clear that these reports are pure fabrications. The I.C.I. owns no such plant. In fact there is no Synthetic Ammonia and Sulphate plant in the Manchester area. The one or two small plants which the I.C.I. owns, besides its major plant at Billingham, are not of German-make and the company have no intention of disposing of them.—A.P.

Post-War Civil Aviation

Britain To Have Three Air Transport Corporations

LONDON, March 13: A British 'white paper' on Civil Aviation published today includes plans for setting up three air transport corporations of which one will be for transport to the Commonwealth, China and the Far East, another for European air services and a third for South America.

Government propose the setting up of three main air transport corporations which will be responsible for services on the following routes: Firstly, Commonwealth and routes with Trans-Atlantic service to the United States and to China and the Far East; Secondly, European air routes and internal services of the United Kingdom: Thirdly, South American route.

The Government have decided that the "most efficient organisation" will be by these three corporations and that arguments are overwhelmingly in favour of uniting the internal services of the Kingdom with the services to Europe in a single Corporation.

The Commonwealth and Atlantic routes with ultimate extension to China and the Far East will be assigned to the British Overseas Airways Corporation.—Reuter.

WOMEN VILLAGE WORKERS

Kasturba Gandhi Training Camp At Borivli

(From Our Correspondent)
VILE PARLE, March 13.

Preparations are afoot for the establishment of first training camp at Borivli on all India basis under the Suburban District Committee of Kasturba Gandhi Memorial Fund.

The camp at Borivli will be situated in Mr. Ratilal Nanavaty's garden where tents, huts etc. will be put up for trainees. The local workers of Borivli will render all help necessary. Applications for full time workers, will be invited, who are prepared to go out in the villages after training.

A scheme has been formulated under which each District will be divided into three Divisions, each division having one centre in one village and each centre will have three workers who will be allotted three different portfolios—viz—(1) Health. (2) Adult Education and (3) Village or Domestic Industries and Handicrafts.

The workers to be allotted these portfolios will have to undergo training in the first instance in the camp which is to be started by the Provincial or the Central Committee.

COMMITTEE

The Suburban District Committee of Kasturba Memorial Fund, who have taken the initiative here, consists of 15 members out of whom 7 are Ladies who are the office-bearers in the Committee:

President: Mrs. Maniben Nanavaty; Vice-President: Mrs. Haniffaben Futehally; Treasurer: Mrs. Kurssunnissa Hassanally; Secretaries: Miss Nalini Sabnis and Miss Sunati Valdva. Members: Dr. Sarha Rodrigues from Bandra, Mrs. Havewalla from Vile Parle.

The remaining eight male members are—Mr Ramdeo Poddar, Mr. B. G. Kher, Mr. Jabirali, Mr. Ranji Purshottamdas (Kakubhai), Mr. Fernandez of Marol, Dr. Dandekar, Mr. Ratilal Mehta and Mr. Vandrekar. The office of the Committee is at present situated at the residence of Miss N. Sabnis at St. Leos Road, Bandra.

OLDEST PARSI CRICKETER LIVING

Tributes To Dr. M. E. Pavri At Meeting Held To Present Address

BOMBAY, Tuesday.

A public meeting was held this evening at the Sir C. J. Hall to present an address to Dr. M. E. Pavri, the veteran Parsi cricketer. The meeting was organised by the Dr. M. E. Pavri Appreciation Fund Committee and Sir Homi Mehta presided.

The function opened with a programme of bagpipe music, boxing, balancing feats and drill and tableux demonstrations by Parsi girls. Sensation was caused by a Parsi lady who tore a pack of cards with one tug, and also by the weightlifting demonstrations of Prof. Daruwalla of Calcutta, who also bent iron bars by pressing against his eyes. A heavy stone was smashed on his extended back.

OLDEST PARSI CRICKETER

Sir Jehangir Boman-Behram welcomed Sir Homi Mehta and the gathering and said that Dr. Pavri was the oldest Parsi cricketer living and he was responsible for the cricket enthusiasm of the country. He announced that the Committee had collected Rs. 10.000 and the subscription would be opened to the public.

Messages from Lt.-Col. C. K. Nayudu, Mr. Vijay Marchant, Prof. Deodhar and others were read out.

The address presented by the Committee to Dr. Pavri recalled his memorable service to the cause of sport, and how he had made cricket popular in India. It also mentioned the important part he had played in many benevolent and social activities.

Sir Homi Mehta recalled his personal associations with Dr. Pavri through many decades, and said that by honouring him, the Parsi community had honoured themselves.

Trophies and cups were presented to Dr. Pavri, and other Parsi sportsmen.

Dr. Pavri made a suitable acknowledgment.

Bombay Faced With Beef 'Famine'

Bombay, Tuesday (A.P.I.) The price of beef in Bombay city has gone up by 20 per cent today as a result of the enforcement of the cattle, goats and sheep trade order by the Government of Bombay from March 1st.

Under this order only licensees can carry on cattle trade and make purchase of cattle only in certain specified areas according to the fixed quota.

It is understood that cattle leaders have protested to the Government of Bombay against the order and requested that it should be withdrawn.

The Secretary of the Cattle Dealers and Butchers Association states that if the order was not amended so as to allow dealers to buy their cattle requirements from any area suitable to them, Bombay might have to face a beef famine.

TÊTE-À-TÊTE

WITHOUT COMMENT—

The Commerce Member had stated that practically no yarn was exported. It was immaterial whether the exports were of yarn or cloth, and they knew Government were exporting six hundred million yards of cloth. The Export Committee of the Textile Control Board had suggested that Government should reduce the exports.

—Mr K. C. Neogy in the Central Assembly.

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The N.-W.F. Province having at last got the chance to put the Muslim League Ministry where it belongs, Sardar Aurangzeb Khan and his colleagues have been reluctantly obliged to quit.

There is, however, no information as to where Qazi Md. Isa will be sent next.

(The Junior Colleague expects it would be Assam).

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Defending his Ministry, Sardar Aurangzeb Khan is reported to have claimed that but for the acceptance of office by the Muslim League there would have been another Bengal in the N.-W.F.P.

What a compliment to the Muslim League Ministry of Bengal!

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Haji Moula Bux has published the letter of invitation written to him by Sir Ghulam Hussain Hidayatullah in which the latter said that in the event of trouble with Mr. Jinnah or the League High Command he, Sir Ghulam Hussain "shall remain with you and stand to this coalition."

Since people think that Ghulam Hussain's latest is a breach of faith let us point out to these people that if circumstances change it is only natural for Sir Ghulam Hussain to adjust himself to the new ones.

Suppose you find yourself threatened with, or in the midst of, a deluge. You would naturally seek to get into a boat and stay there or row about in it. But if the floods recede leaving the path clear it will be the height of unwisdom, even eccentricity, for you to remain there or stick to the boat. Your obvious duty should and would be to get on to the neighbouring cart and resume your journey. Clear?

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Mr. G. M. Syed has announced that he has surrendered unconditionally to the League High Command and has further declared that since the day he voted against the Hidayatullah Ministry he had not been able to show his face to the people, even though he acted with the best of intentions.

R.I.P. Nil Nisi Bonum. P[illegible] and so on.

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Indians Can't Be Driven Out Of South Africa —South African Minister's Plea.

No, of course not. And then why should they, when they can be driven about in South Africa at will?

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Anglo-India wants to assure you Indians that Sir A. Ramaswamy Mudaliar and Sir Firozkhan Noon "have served their country with distinction abroad. Both have been members of the War Cabinet."

Wonderful, isn't it?

After that even the following comes as an anti-climax:

"These men, versed in international politics (ye gods) can be expected to present India's case at San Francisco with skill."

You have got to suffer their apologists too. And that's all there is to it.

POINTED PARAGRAPHS

Misery may love company, but company never loves misery.

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A jealous man appears almost as foolish as a jealous woman.

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Lots of people make a specialty of pouring ice water on enthusiasm.

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A silver dollar isn't very heavy but some men find it difficult to raise.

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A shiftless man can always blame his wife for his failure to make good.

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A man's judgment enables him to do some things almost as well as a woman can do them without any.

Bombay Shroffs' Protest To Government

The Board, Bombay Shroffs (Bankers) Association Ltd. have sent on 12th March 1945 the following telegram to the Finance Department of the Government of India, New Delhi, on the Income-Tax Amending Bill:

"Board Bombay Shroffs (Bankers) Association Ltd. strongly protest against Government amendment to section 34 of the Income-Tax Act which empowers the Income-Tax Officer to reopen assessment even when there is no definite information in his possession and also against amendment to section 38 which vests the Income-Tax officer with powers to visit business as well as residential premises of the assessee to inspect his accounts and stamp them. Board are surprised that such a provision should have been revived when a similar provision was rejected by the Legislature in 1938. Further such wide and arbitrary powers constitute an attack on the civic rights of the assessee as a citizen will result in oppression and harassment of the assessee and are without a parallel in the Income-Tax law of any other country. Board strongly urge Government to drop the aforesaid amendments and all the consequential changes as a result thereof.

PARIS, (Monday) Reuter: The French destroyers "Le Fortune", "Le Tempete" and "Le Sihoun" have successfully bombarded military objectives on the Italian Riviera, states the French admiralty to-night.

Battle For Remagen Bridgehead

Rundstedt Launches Counter-Attack Across Rhine

Supreme Headquarters Allied Expeditionary Force, March 13 (A.P.):Field Marshal Gerd von Rundstedt launched his long-expected counter-attack against the Allies' Remagen bridgehead across the Rhine today.

German artillery has scored some direct hits on the vital Ludendorf bridge, but the span still was in full use and apparently not seriously damaged.

The bridgehead itself has been broadened by American troops to more than ten miles along the eastbank of the Rhine and carried forward to within three kilometers of the sixlane superhighway which runs through the Westerwald and links Frankfort with the Ruhr.

U. S. First Army troops encountered stiffened Nazi resistance in their thrust east through the high country, taking positions which the Germans had used for artillery to shell the bridge. But Bill Shadell, correspondent from the Columbia Broadcasting System, reported from Gen. Omar Bradley's headquarters that the Germans not only had brought up more armour but big railway guns capable of long-range shelling to the bridge.

Don Whitehead, Associated Press Correspondent with the First, said any German pilot who tries to knock out the Ludendorf Span has only a fifty-fifty chance of returning home alive.

The Allies anti-aircraft concentration at Remagen is so heavy that ack-ack knocked down 66 of the 135 planes the Luftwaffe has sent over in five days in vain Bridge-busting forays. Fourteen other planes of the German force—including old Stuka dive-bombers. Messerschmitt 109s and late jet-propelled fighters. How many more German raiders have been destroyed by Allied planes over the Remagen area has not been disclosed.

The First's expansion of Remagen bridgehead netted Gingsterhaus and Hartigen, bringing the total of towns captured east of the Rhine to 23. Fighting was under way inside Honnef, five miles north of Remagen, and in Honningen, more than six miles south.

Between the First and Third armies—, German pockets in the Eifel area were being squeezd out with a partial news blackout obscuring the exact positions of some American units.

To the south, the Third had closed up to the north bank of the Moselle solidly from Trier to Coblenz except for a strip ten miles wide midway between the two cities. Inside this salient—now less than 15 miles deep —the Germans were being methodi-Rhine failed".

Americans Widen Bridgehead

BERLIN, March 13: The German News Agency to-day (Tuesday) issued a Communique which said: East of Remagen, the Americans threw still more forces into the battle to widen their bridgehead (across the Rhine). The enemy took several places and heights.

The enemy reconnaissance sorties against the Dutch Island of Shouwenh and on the lower and middle Rhine failed".—Reuter.

ABDUL GHAFFAR KHAN & FRONTIER MINISTRY

Advice To Congress Deputationists To Decide For Themselves

PESHAWAR, March 13

A deputation consisting of Khan Ali Gul Khan, President of the Frontier Provincial Congress Committee, Rai Bahadur Mehr Chand Khanna, Secretary of the Congress Parliamentary Party and Arbab Abdul Rehman, M.L.A., interviewed Khan Abdul Ghaffar Khan in Haripur Jail to-day to seek his advice in connection with the formation of a ministry.

The deputationists returned to Peshawar in the evening and reported the result of their talks to Dr. Khan Sahib. They are meeting Dr. Khan Sahib again to-morrow morning.

It is understood that Khan Abdul Ghaffar Khan while explaining the difficulties in the way of the smooth running of any ministry at the present time, has left the matter to be decided by the party.

The Congress Party meeting which was to be held this evening to consider the formation of a new ministry has been postponed till to-morrow afternoon owing to the indisposition of Dr. Khan Sahib, Leader of the Party.—A.P.

Khan Saheb To Meet Governor Today

PESHAWAR March 13. (A. P. I.): Dr. Khan Sahib, leader of the Congress party is expected to meet His Excellency the Governor on March 14 after the meeting of the Congress Assembly Party which takes place to-morrow to consider the latest ministerial development.

WAVELL MUST MOVE

Need For New British Gesture To India

LONDON, March 13: The suggestion that Lord Wavell should initiate immediately preliminary talks to improve and expedite the procedure laid down in the Cripps Declaration is made by Mir Maqbool Mahmud, Parliamentary Secretary-General to the Premier of Punjab and Secretary to the Chancellor of Princes, in a letter to the 'Times' today.

Mir Maqbool Mahmud, who is commenting on a leading article which the 'Times' published on Saturday says that these talks "must, as contemplated in the Cripps Declaration, include representatives of the States as well as of the Provinces. Lord Wavell may be authorized to make a gesture on behalf of England that she would expect India's agreed constitution by a specified date, failing which she will be willing, if invited by a substantial element of opinion in India, to lend her good offices in settling a few outstanding questions on which agreement may not be reached by the representatives of India. It being understood that any such settlement by England will not detract from the quantum of constitutional liberty assured to India under the Cripps Declaration.

This proposal, appears to me to embody the spirit underlying Sir Muhammad Zafrulla Khan's suggestion." Mir Maqbool Mahmud says. "At a suitable stage of the negotiations, it would be desirable for the Secretary of State for India and friendly elements in the Parliament to go to India personally to appreciate India's difficulties and to help toward an ultimate settlement which may carry the largest measure of agreement. It should be made clear that any settlement by England of these outstanding issues would be automatically related by any agreement which may be reached by important elements in India among themselves.—Reuter.

Reply To Strabolgi

LONDON, March 13. (U.P.A.)—Sir Bijoy Prosad Singh Roy to-day sent a letter to the "Times" replying to Lord Strabolgi's suggestion to send a parliamentary mission to India.

Roy said that this "was not the best method of approaching this important problem at the present moment. Further, delegations, even of a non-official character for exploring facts would only deepen the general impression in India, however regrettable, that Great Britain was reluctant to solve the question of the Indian deadlock in the near future and that his delegation, though inspired by the Labour Party who, it is expected, have a better appreciation of the Indian situation and more sympathy of the country's political aspiration, might reasonably be interpreted as a means to shelve rather than solve the problem".

The letter pointed out that the Simon Commission, Indian statesmen's and politicians' evidence and also the Cripps Mission placed all the relevant facts about India before the British public.

Delegation's Visit To Be Postponed?

LONDON. March 12: It is believed that the considered view forwarded to Mr. L. S. Amery from India is that the proposed British all-Party Parliamentary Delegation to India should be postponed until the hot weather ends, says Globe's Lobby correspondent.

This is regarded as being a delicate intimation that the subject of India's political prisoners should not be discussed at present, but that a suitable opportunity to do so might arise within the coming months.

It is also interpreted as a device to avoid a deadlock.

No political party in Britain is in the mood at present to press the matter, adds Globe's correspondent, because of the preparations they are making for the British general election.

Labour leaders are unquestionably hesitant to commit themselves.

ASSAM GOVT. SUFFERS DEFEAT

Assembly Adopts Bill Against Ministerial Opposition

SHILLONG, March 12. (A.P.I.): The Assam Government suffered a defeat in the Legislative Assembly to-day when Mr. Baidyanath Mookerjee's motion for the first reading of the Shillong Civil Courts and Laws Bills—1944, as it emerged from the Assam Council, which was opposed by the Government was passed by 29 votes to 26.

The House also passed another non-official bill—the Assam Land and Revenue Bill—moved by Mr. Rohini Kumar Choudhury.

BENGAL MINISTRY MUST RESIGN

Fazlul Haq's Circular To Legislators

CALCUTTA, March 13.

Mr. Fazlul Haq in a circular to all the members of the Bengal Legislature requests them to call upon the ministry to resign, so that H. E. the Governor may constitute an "Honest" Cabinet.

Referring to the "Unprecedented Cloth Famine", in Bengal Mr. Haq asks where the stock was sent by the Indian Government, alleging that 80 per cent of it has been distributed by some of the ministers among their friends and bogus firms who are indulging in black marketing.—United Press.

BOMBAY SUBURBAN NOTES

(From Our Correspondent)

VILE PARLE, March 12.

To celebrate the victory at the last Physical Culture Demonstrations held in Bombay, in which the Parle Tilak Vidyalaya retained the Hind Trophies for a second year in succession, the authorities of the Vidyalaya held a meeting of students and citizens of the town on Saturday last to congratulate the winners of the Trophy. There was a large gathering over which Mr. R. S. Patkar presided. He emphasised the need of out-door sports and expressed satisfaction at the progress made by Vidyalaya in this direction. Mrs. Patkar distributed the Silver Cups and other prizes to those who took part in the demonstrations. Yesterday, the school authorities held their usual prize distribution ceremony under the chairmanship of Mr. Algaonkar, the well-known Marathi writer, who in an interesting speech gave some of his early reminiscences in the field of Marathi literature.

JOGESHWARI HOUSING SOCIETY

Following the good example set up by the Suburban Housing Society of Santa Cruz, the managing committee of the North Kanara Saraswat Co-operative Housing Society of Jogeshwari has been able to settle the balance of the Government loan amounting to Rs. 3,46,000 for Rs. 2,25,000 and paid the whole amount by arrangement with the Bombay Provincial Co-operative Bank. This reduction of Rs. 1,21,000 in the settlement of the Government claim will greatly help the Society to rehabilitate its finances and give much-needed relief to the members of the Society. At the annual general meeting of the Society which was recently held, Mr. R. M. Borkar, the Chairman congratulated the Society on this achievement and hoped that the members of the community would come forward to assist the Society in paying off the bank loan at no distant date. A special committee consisting of Mr. B. M. Borkar, Mr. K. G. Wagle, Mr. V. R. Bhende, Mr. N. T. Kulkerni and two others was appointed to devise ways and means of raising sufficient money to pay off the bank. Their report is awaited.

ANDHERI MUNICIPAL AFFAIRS

The increase of house tax and halalkhore charges sanctioned by the Parle-Andheri Municipality to meet the ever-growing demand of the Sanitary Department was communicated to the Commissioner and Government sometime ago, for their approval under the rules. But neither the Commissioner nor the Government convey their approval before the 28th of February with the result that the Municipality would be unable to impose the revised scale of taxes as from 1st April 1945. They can only do so from the second quarter viz. 1st July. This will deprive the Municipality of its first quarter's additional income which amounts to about Rs. 10,000.

CHILDREN GO WITHOUT EDUCATION

Plight Of Indians In Natal

Out of 42,528 adult male Indians in Natal Province, approximately 26,000 are listed as employed and a number of others are stated to be farming on their own account or carrying on other trades, according to the Annual Report of the Protector of Indian Immigrants, Natal for the year 1943.

The incidence of unemployment during the year under review showed a slight improvement over the previous year when out of 41,616 Indian immigrants about 26,000 were listed as employed. The majority of those employed were working in the sugar industry. The total number of Indians employed and residing on coal mines and allied industries was only 1,901, including 368 women and 1,037 children.

The total number of population in Natal in 1943 was 210,107 as compared with 208,050 in the previous year. No Indians returned to India during the year under review.

The total number of children attending Government and Government aided schools during the year under review was 20,878 out of the total children population of 134,951 in the Colony. There were many Indian children who were receiving no education owing to there being no room for them in the schools.

The health of the Indian population, according to the Report, was good during the year. The death rate however increased from 13.19 in 1942 to 16.71. No complaints were received regarding treatment of Indian labour on the Estates, but the Report observes that the housing accommodation on many Estates was still very poor.

Damages For Dacca Mail Accident Victims

CALCUTTA, March 13: A sum of Rs. 1,33,458 was awarded as damages against the Governor-General-in-Council (owner of the B and A Railway) by Mr. Justice Sen, of the Calcutta High Court, in respect of the remaining seven cases arising out of the Dacca mail accident on August 5, 1940.

Earlier, His Lordship had granted a decree for Rs. 86,400 as damages in favour of Shrimati Kalyani Basu, who had lost her husband in the train disaster, and others.—A. P.

Assembly Demands:

More Stringent Control Of Civil Expenditure

Congress, League And Nationalist Support To European "Cut" Motion: Demand Under "Information And Broadcasting" Turned Down

NEW DELHI, March 13.

The Assembly passed by 57 votes to 37 the European Group's cut motion to urge the need for economy generally and for more stringent control of expenditure on Civil Departments in particular.

Before the vote was taken Mr. Tyson, the mover asked for leave to withdraw the motion but the Chair ruled that it could not be withdrawn at that stage as a division had been called. The House then divided.

It was observed that some members of the European Group voted for the motion, others against, and a few of them remained neutral. The Congress, Muslim League and Nationalists voted for the motion.

TWO MORE DEMANDS TURNED DOWN

The guillotine was applied at 5 p.m. and the remaining demands were put from the Chair. The House divided on two demands. It rejected by 55 votes to 47 the demand under the head Information and Broadcasting Department and by 55 votes to 41 the demand under Emigration in the external Affairs Department.

A TOKEN CUT

Mr. Tyson moving the cut motion made it clear that it was entirely a token cut designed to draw attention to what his group regarded as a serious state of affairs. He referred to "the bland assumption" held apparently by the spending departments that the present pace of mounting expenditure could continue indefinitely and that India could live in an economic vacuum. Financial planning, he observed, showed three phases of development. In the first phase, the financial authority resisted, but usually with declining success, the depredations of the spending departments. In the second phase, the Finance Minister became weary of fighting and got so involved that his whole energy was spent in raising money to meet the inexorable appetite of the spending departments.

In the final phase, all ideas of economy went by the Board and it was like the morning after the financial night before, a sort of day of reckoning which provided the Government, the Finance Minister and the taxpayer with the traditional headache. India, he thought, was somewhere between the second and third stages and if the effects of the third stage were to be mitigated, our thoughts should be turned towards economy and retrenchment.

WHY NOT CONTROL DEFENCE EXPENDITURE?

Sir Mohammed Yamin Khan (Muslim League) said that the House demanded some kind of control on defence expenditure: Essential War expenditure should be maintained but that did not mean that Rs. 1/14 should be spent were only one rupee was required.

Prof. N. G. Ranga (Congress) said that within the last two years expenditure on the Finance Department's staff had registered a 50 per cent increase from Rs. 38 lakhs to Rs. 58 lakhs.

The appetite of the Information and Broadcasting Department had grown from Rs. 56 lakhs to Rs. 94 lakhs, but the department had not so far arranged for the manufacture of cheap radio sets.

Sir Sultan Ahmed, replying to the criticism levelled against the Information and Broadcasting Department, said that he was anxious to avoid waste and see that there was retrenchment. In the case of the National War Front, under the new scheme, there would be a reduction of 15 to 20 lakhs in the expenditure. He was anxious to have 200,000 individual radio sets and 75,000 communal sets but the matter rested with another department.

Mr. T. T. Krishnamachari (Nationalist) welcomed the proposal to appoint more financial advisers in various departments, because that was the only check that could be exercised. It would be better if there was duplication, or even triplication in checking.

Mr. Frank Anthony (Anglo-Indian) asked Government not to misconstrue the cut motion into a demand for misdirected economy, such as economy in Nation-building departments or in the expenditure on anti-corruption officers.

Referring to the Defence Department, he conceded that there must be a margin of waste in war time but he insisted it must be kept within reasonable limits.

Mr. Chapman Mortimer (European Group) said his group was prepared to continue to vote legitimate and necessary war demands, but he emphasised that the demands should really be legitimate.

Mr. N. M. Joshi declared that increased expenditure in itself was not an evil. If the country was to be developed there must be more and more expenditure but wise expenditure. The slogan should be more expenditure, more development of industry, social security, agriculture. He was against retrenchment but he favoured increased control of the legislature over expenditure.

FINANCE MEMBER'S REPLY

The Finance Member made it clear that he was entirely in agreement with the object of the motion and entirely in sympathy with motives which prompted it. He emphasised the need for a powerful Finance Department in any Government which aimed at efficiency, and said his predecessor and he had concentrated on maintaining such a powerful Finance Department.

He would have liked to hear the views of the mover and others and how this country was to deal with problems which would arise when public expenditure suddenly collapsed.

Attention had been drawn to the increase in civil expenditure. The figures might appear large but he would like to know which particular item of expenditure the House sitting for the moment as an 'ad hoc' retrenchment committee would like to see retrenched. The total increase in General Administration, for instance, was only of the order of two crores including the effect of all the dearness and compensatory allowances.

The motion was pressed to a division and passed by 57 to 37 votes.

Discussion was then resumed on Mr. Joshi's cut motion moved yesterday to discuss Government's Labour policy.

Prof. Ranga gave full support to the motion on his behalf and on behalf of the Congress Party.

The Labour member Dr. Ambedkar replying to the points raised by Mr. Joshi explained the stages by which Government had increased dearness allowance to their employees but argued that for the lack of uniformity in that allowance, Mr. Joshi and other Labour Leaders themselves were responsible.

Dr. Ambedkar went on to refer to the wages of coal mine labour and was explaining the different bonuses and allowances besides free meat given to them, when Mrs. Renuka Ray who was waiting to move her cut motion about the employment of women underground rose to a point of order and suggested the debate on Mr. Joshi's motion should be ended.

JOSHI'S RETORT TO AMBEDKAR

There was some commotion, and eventually Mr Joshi withdrew his cut motion. Dr Ambedkar remarked that if Mr. Joshi had had the courtesy to tell him that he was withdrawing the motion, he would not have spoken at such length. Mr Joshi replied that as the Labour Member who was not prepared to show courtesy to the House was not entitled to courtesy himself.

Mrs. Renuka Ray moved a cut to discuss the need for the immediate re-imposition of the ban on the employment of women underground in coal mines. She said that there had been consistent and insistent protest throughout the country against the employment of women underground in coal mines. She appealed to all sections in the House to support her cut motion.

Dr. Ambedkar, Labour Member, said that he felt very unhappy in taking the decision to employ women underground. Dr. Ambedkar went on to say that he did not believe that within the ten years there had been such a revolution in the moral and political consciousness in this country that they were not prepared to tolerate the employment of women in mines. He concluded by assuring that Government had no intention to keep women underground for a moment longer than was necessary.

The cut motion was carried without a division.

The Guillotine was then applied.

The House adjourned till to-morrow.—A. P. I.

Advocate Arrested

For Alleged Aiding Of Gang Of Dacoits

MONGHYR, March 13

Mr. Satyanarayan Mishra, an advocate of over twenty-five years' standing, was arrested yesterday at his residence at Basudevpur.

The charge against him is that "there is reason to believe that he was actively helping a gang of dacoits, other criminals and absconders and otherwise assisting the members of the gang."

Mr. Mishra holds a prominent position in Monghyr town having been twice elected as the Municipal Commissioner."—United Press.

SESSIONS COURT UPHOLDS RIGHTS OF SIKHS

(From Our Correspondent)

NAGPUR, (By Mail):

Holding that the Sikhs were trying to maintain the possession of the land which was rightly theirs and under such circumstances the accused were justified in using such force as was necessary to prevent aggression, Mr. S. N. Nande, Additional Sessions Judge, Khandwa, on appeal, acquitted the four accused who were sentenced to various terms of imprisonment in what is known as Sikh Gurudwara Dispute Case of Burhanpur.

The four Sikhs were sentenced for rioting and grievous hurt when a party of Muslims forcibly wanted to bury their dead on the land which belonged to the Sikh Gurudwara and which was the subject of dispute.

CALCUTTA, March 13 By a margin of one vote, the adjournment motion moved by Mr. Bankim Mukharji (Nationalist Party), regarding the Bengal Government's failure to pay the Calcutta Corporation Rs. 9,00,000 as taxes of the Council House was defeated in the Bengal Council to-day, 17 members voting for and 18 against the motion.—United Press.

HINDUSTAN MAZDOOR SEVAK SANGH

Kher, Meherally And Patil Likely To Be Included

(From Our Own Correspondent)

POONA, March 13.

Apropos reports emanating from Sewagram, with regard to the organisation of labour, it is understood that Gandhiji is thinking of organising labour movement on an All-India scale, on the principles of Truth and Non-violence.

In this connection, it is understood that the constitution of The Hindustan Mazdoor Sevak Sangh, of which Messrs. Sardar Vallabhbhai Patel, Shankerrao Deo, P. C. Ghosh, and such others are already members, is being so modified as to include in it all the nationalist elements working in the labour field.

It is further learnt that Gandhiji has entrusted the task of chalking out the details to Mr. Gulzarilal Nanda, who is at present engaged in deliberations with the various nationalist elements active in the working class.

It is probable that Congress Leaders like Mr. B. G. Kher, Yusuf Meherally, S. K. Patil and few others from Bombay and Maharashtra might be included in the Hindustan Mazdoor Sevak Sangh who will guide various labour activities.

BAN ON KISAN CONFERENCE

MADRAS, March 13

Mr. M. K. Gopal Rao, President, Andhra Provincial Ryots' Association, Guntur, in a communication says that the Madras Government has banned holding of the eighth annual session of the Andhra Provincial Kisan Conference which is to be held on March 28 and 29 at Feanli.—United Press.

Restrictions On Released Detenus

PURI, March 12: Of the seven security prisoners who were recently released, five have been directed not to leave their respective police station areas while two have been interned within their villages for a period of six months, it is learnt here.

Murlidhar Kanungoe, a Congress worker of Govindpur, Cuttack District, has been sentenced to four months' R. I, for disobeying certain restrictions imposed upon him.—A.P.

League Session May Be Postponed

(From Our Correspondent)

NEW DELHI, March 12.

Jinnah is much better to-day. He has been ailing since his arrival here, having caught chill in train on way to Delhi.

He is still very weak and lobbies anticipate that the annual session of League to be held at Lahore during easter would be postponed for sometime till he is strong enough to preside over it. For same reasons Jinnah could not see Wavell on 7th inst. He has written to Viceroy that he would see him as soon as he is in position to do so.

"ELDERS" TO DISCUSS INDIAN DELEGATION TO 'CISCO CONFERENCE

NEW DELHI, March 13.

The composition of the Government of India delegation to the San Francisco Conference will be discussed in the Council of State tomorrow, March 14, on a motion by Mr. M. Thirumala Row.

His resolution asks that adequate representation of non-official opinion of India should be secured at the conference.

An amendment tabled by Sir N. Gopalaswamy Avyangar recommends that to the official delegation be added an elected member each of at least the two major political bodies in the Central Legislature.—A. P.

Fire In Rohit Mills

AHMEDABAD, March 11.

Damage to the extent of approximately Rs. 20,000 was caused when a fire broke out early this morning in the Rohit Mills at Khokhra, Memnadabad.

The municipal fire brigade fought the flames for an hour before it was completely extinguished.—A.P.

Improving Statistical Position Of Indian Cotton

SEVERE COMPETITION BETWEEN RAYON AND COTTON AFTER WAR

The Patel Cotton Co. Ltd., has issued the following interesting weekly cotton market review :—

Price changes in the New York Cotton Exchange during the week kere irregular and unindicative of any trend. Market was in a hesitant mood due partly to uncertainties of the extension of the C. C. C.'s purchasing programme and partly to the agitation for the two price post-war system.

The War Food Administrator, Mr. Marvin Jones, testifying before the Senate Banking and Currency Committee in connection with the extension of the Stabilisation Act until December 31st 1946 suggested that the post-war programme for agriculture might include plans whereby wheat and cotton processes would be given these commodities at world prices in order that finished products can compete in the world markets. Mr. Jones stated that he would rather make support loans to farmers under a policy of supporting prices that have Government buying and selling commodities outright.

FORTHCOMING MEETING.

Attention is now focussed upon the forthcoming meeting of International Cotton Advisory Committee, which, it is believed, will prove a prelude to a further meeting at which an agreement for all exporting countries will be proposed, against a background of threats to increase the present U. S export subsidy. Cotton heads list of commodities marked down for international discussion. The feeling in the U. S. official quarters is generally against the present form of subsidy. Ever since November, when the U. S. raw cotton export subsidy was enacted, the State Department wanted to avoid, if possible, a policy of price cutting on the international market. At the same time the U. S. cotton producers desiring to regain a bigger share in cotton exports are worried for many years by a steady increase in foreign production, particularly in cheap labour areas, which has cut sharply into their export market. The best guess in Washington is that a solution will be sought along the lines of some form of export control based on quotas for each exporting nation. Obviously, the Committee meeting will be used as a platform to air the proposals produced by the U. S. Department of Agriculture last year for regulating world cotton exports by quotas.

Mr. S. K. Kirpalani, Government of India's Trade Commissioner New York and Mr. S. D. Chard, Controller of Raw Materials and Stores, Office of the Textile Controller of Bombay, have been nominated to represent the Government of India at this meeting. If this meeting leads to an international conference, India must be represented in that conference through her non-official delegates representing the agricultural and trade interests.

NEAR OF COMPETITION.

The British Cotton Controller's visit to Egypt and Sudan has aroused much interest in Manchester. No official reason for the visit has been given but that cotton greatly affects Lancashire and Egypt. In a speech to Egyptian cotton exporters the Controller mentioned the likelihood of more severe competition between Rayon and Cotton after the war and need for keeping cotton prices as low as possible. Hitherto, Rayon has made great inroads while it is dearer than cotton. Its competition will certainly not be lessened, now that it is cheaper than U. S. cotton appreciably cheaper than Egyptian cotton.

The Bombay forward market fluctuated narrowly with a halting upward trend early in the week but later declined sharply on heavy long liquidation. The March contract after rising to a high level of Rs. 454 on the 5th inst sagged to Rs. 433-1/2 to-day. Statistically, the situation is relatively healthy owing to the general recognition of a small crop as against the prospect of cotton consumption by domestic mills being maintained at last year's figure. Despite post-war export complications, there is no reason to believe that India will not regain her rightful share of her pre-war markets. In any case this season is expected to bring about a considerable improvement in the statistical position of Indian cotton.

BETTER FEELING.

The Broach crop is due to be on the move by the end of this month with accompanying hedge selling. Nevertheless, purchases by Ahmedabad mills at advancing basis have a daily feature in the interior Broach markets. The reported intention of the bull clique in Bombay to accept tenders gave the market a steadier appearance; but later March liquidation by bulls furnished a good deal of pressure. A better feeling is slowly developing but it is unlikely to manifest itself in a pronounced market activity until the post-war economic and international problems are satisfactorily solved.

Business in the spot market is definitely quieter this week, business for account of mills being very much restricted. Tenders so far against March contract are 55,700 bales.

We have received the following telegram from our Karachi Office dated 8th inst:—

"Demand moderate to small for 4F and staple but better for Punjab Desi both old and new crop with good offtake by exporters to U.K. and U.S.A."

CALCUTTA STOCK EXCHANGE

CALCUTTA, March 13.

The market generally ruled steady and active and a fair business has put through. Government securities were a turn better.

Following are today's final transactions upto 3 p.m.

Government Securities: Three per cent defence loan 1949/52 101/6 s. lot three per cent loan 1951/54 101/9 s. lot three per cent loan 1953/55 100/6 three per cent Victory Bonds 1957 100 three per cent loan 1963/65 98/15 three-half per cent Government Paper 99/14 three per cent U P 1952 100 s. lot.

Imperial Bank (fully paid) 1985 Do (Conty) 490.

COTTONS: Basanti 13/4. Bengal Nagpur 42/4 Elgin Mills 66/4 Muir Mills 430 New Victoria Ordy 7/12 Benares Cotton 12/6 Cawnpore Textiles 13/6.

COALS: Amalgamated 53/12 Bengal 698 Bhalgora 21/2 East Indian 39/12 Equitable 70/4 Ghusick and Muslia 17/1 Ot Kuardi 19/12 New Beerbhoom 40/10 Raneegunge 51 South Karanpura 30/8 Burrakur 42/14 Dhemo Main 2s 1/3 Nadira 62/9 New Churulia 13/15 Parasea 11/4 Satpukuria and Asansol 11/8 Talcher 12/8.

JUTES: Baily 366 Budge Budge 480 Chaviot 314 Chitavalsah 33/4 Howrah 86/6 Kamarhatty 686/8 Kankanarrn 577 National 33/10 Orient 272 Presidency 12/12 Alliance 616 Barnagore 226 Champdany 258 s. lot India 70s Nuddea 128/8.

MISCELLANEOUS: Burma Corpn 5/11 Indian Copper 3/2. Consolidated Tin 3/14 Assam Bengal Cement 17/6 Dalmia Cement 17/4 Alkali and Chemical 29/4 Bhartial Elec Steel 22/4 B I Elec Cons 19/1 Indian Iron 39/10 Kumardhubi Eng 11/13 Jessop And Co 2/9 Saran Eng 10/3 British Burma Petroleum 5/6 Orient Paper 31/8 Sree Gopal Paper 19/12 Titaghur Paper 28/4 Midnapore Zemindary 172 India General Navigation 188.

SUGARS: Belsund 15/14 Carew 27/ 15 Muree 28/4 Ramnugger Cane 15/7. TEAS: Eastern Cachar 11/15 Loobah 1/8 Patnemara 15/6 Tezpore 21/12 Gonpui 41/12 Teloijan 14/8.—A. P.

AHMEDABAD SHARE MARKET

AHMEDABAD, Mar. 13.

Share market moved narrowly with alternative buying and selling operations active bull support was offset by general liquidation.

Calico 1445; Ambika 496; Anil Starch 600; Jupitar 370; New Cotton 505; New Commercial 747/8; New National 420; Bhalakia 185, Morris 156/8; Marsdon 1914; Monogram 165; Rohit 392/8; Vijay 492/8; Sayaji 360.

LONDON BULLION.

London, March 12.

Spot 25-1/2, Forward 25-1/2. Gold Bars Fine per oz. £8/8/0

LONDON EXCHANGES.

London, March 12.

T. T. London on:—

New York sellers 4.02-1/2 buyers 4.03-1/2 Madrid Official 44.00 Montreal sellers 4.43, buyers 4.47, Zurich sellers 17.3, buyers 17.4, Stockholm sellers 16.85, buyers 16.95.

LONDON WHEAT.

London, March 12.

Wheat Rozario Santa Fe (New Crop) 41/7-1/2 March quoted.

LONDON STOCK EXCHANGE.

London, March 12.

Rupee Paper 3-1/2 p c £72-1/2. Consols 2-1/2 p c £83-1/16. Conversion Loan 3-1/2 p c 1961 £105-3/4, War Loan 3-1/2 p c £105, Funding Loan 4 p c 1960/90 £115-1/2, Victory Bonds 4 p c £113-7/8, Chartered Bank of I. A. & China £10-7/8 Hongkong & Shanghai Bank (London Reg.) £86, National Bank of India £42-1/2 Ex Div.

Reds Liberate 20,000 Allied Troops

CAIRO, March 13 (A.P.)—The first batch of approximately 20,000 Allied troops liberated from German captivity by the Russians have arrived at a Middle East port, deliriously happy.

They include 477 British and Empire troops, four Norwegians, eight Palestinians, eight Egyptians, one Frenchman and one Pole.

Some aboard the first ship to bring about the vanguard of the 20,000 were captured during Rundstedt's December offensive and released by Russians from German prison camps in Poland after only a month of captivity.

86 Year-Old M. L. A. Removed To Irwin Hospital

NEW DELHI, Mar. 10. 86-year old Maulvi Syed Murtuza Sahib Bahadur, who has been a member of the Central Assembly since 1924, complained of heart trouble in the House to-day when the debate on his party's cut motion was in progress. He was removed to the lobby and examined by Dr. Deshmukh. Outside medical aid was also summoned and he was given an injection, which gave him relief. His vote on his party's 'cut' motion was recorded in the lobby and thereafter he was removed in an ambulance to the Irwin hospital.

Mr. Murtuza is now stated to be cheerful. He represents the South Madras (Mohammadan) constituency. —A. P.

PATNA TENNIS TOURNEY

PATNA, March 11.

Dilip Bose and Khose Sen won the Men's Doubles trophy in the Bihar Lawn Tennis Tourney which concluded today by beating Prem Pandhi and N. Sen in three straight sets.

The following are the results:

MEN'S DOUBLES (Finals): Dilip Bose and K. Sen beat Prem Pandhi and N. Sen 6—1, 6—1, 6—4.

MIXED DOUBLES: Mrs. Modi and Prem Pandhi beat Mrs. Blewett and K. Sen 7—5, 7—5 (semi finals). Miss B. Sen and Dilip Bose beat Mrs. Modi and Prem Pandhi, 6—3, 6—1 (final).—A. P.

SALEM March 9.

The Government have it is understoo formulated a scheme to provide midday meals to poor children in elementary schools, cooking and distributing the food in each school or group of schools, at a cost of one anna per meal, and have allotted 20 lakhs for the entire presidency for the year 1945/46.—A. P.

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COTTON CLOTH TRADE LICENCES.

Dealers in Cotton Cloth of all categories in Bombay City and the Bombay Suburban District are reminded that they must apply for licenses under the Bombay Cotton Cloth Trade Regulation Order, 1945, before March 31. APPLICATIONS RECEIVED AFTER THAT DATE WILL NOT BE CONSIDERED, and it will be illegal for a licence holder to trade in cloth after 31st March, 1945, unless he applies for a new licence under the Order.

Applications in prescribed form should be made to the Provincial Textile Controller, Opposite Kalachowki Post Office, Parel Road, Bombay. Copies of the form can be obtained free of charge from his office.

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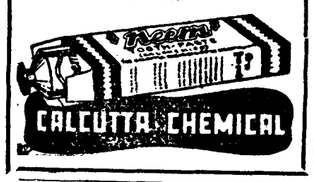

Indians Can't Be Driven Out Of South Africa

Minister Says Goodwill On Both Sides Can Ease Situation

CAPETOWN, March 12 (Reuter): Speaking in the Senate to-day the Minister of the Interior, Mr. Clarkson, said in the recess that steps had been taken in the Transvaal to promote co-operation between the local authorities and their Indian population with the object of improving the living conditions of the Indians. With one or two exceptions the local authorities had shown a keen desire to provide land and the necessary amenities.

The Indians in Natal were South Africans, they could not be turned out of South Africa and "we cannot talk gribly about paying fabulous sums to have them repatriated."

He had agreed to allow some of the old men who had previously returned to India to come back to South Africa "to die here among their own people."

The Broome Commission at present inquiring into Asiatic affairs would, it was hoped, submit an interim report at the end of the present month. A full census of the population would be taken next year and every five years after that.

FRENCH TROOPS STILL RESISTING JAPS IN INDO-CHINA

Operation Still Going On In North Only

LONDON, March 12 (Reuter): The German News Agency in a Saigon dispatch says that French troops in Northern Indo-China are still resisting.

The Agency said: "Mopping up operations against de Gaulle partisans in central and southern parts of Indo-China are completed. Only in the north are operations still going on.

The report added that Japanese military authorities on Saturday disarmed the French garrison and police troops in the former French concession in Shanghai."

Chinese Forbidden To Take Valuables With Them

CHUNGKING, March 12 (Reuter): The Japanese occupation authorities have set a deadline for one million Chinese civilians to leave Shanghai, according to reports from the city. The Chinese have been forbidden to take any valuables with them.

Japanese evacuees are already heading north along the Tientsin-Pukow Railway from Shanghai and Soochow.

Khan Bahadur Khuhro's Case

KARACHI, March 13, (A.P.I.): The application filed on behalf of Khan Bahadur Khuhro praying for the transfer of his case from Sukkur to Karachi was to-day admitted for regular hearing by Mr. Justice Sullivan and has been fixed for March 19.

NEW YORK ABOLISHES DISCRIMINATION IN EMPLOYMENT

Dewey Signs Bill At Public Ceremony To Mark Historic Enactment

ALBANY, NEW YORK, March 13. (Reuter.)

Governor Thomas E. Dewey to-day signed the Ives Quinn Bill making New York State the first to enact a statute prohibiting racial and religious dicrimination in employment.

Because of the importance of this legislation, which Mr. Dewey called "a historic step", he signed the bill at a public ceremony in the Governor's office in the state capital.

Five members of a State Commission will administer the new law. It empowers the commissioners to receive complaints from a worker claiming that he has been discriminated against by an employer, labour union or employment agency on rounds of race, religious belief or national origin.

IMMIGRATION BILL.

Mr. J. J. Singh, President of the India League of America and a former member of the All-India Congress Committee, will testify before the House Immigration Committee, when the hearing of the Luce—Celler Bill on naturalisation and immigration of nationals from India is resumed in Washington on Tuesday.

Mr. Singh told Reuter: "We have six more witnesses. That will make a total of 12 witnesses in favour of the Bill. I understand some statements against passage of the Bill have been sent to the Committee's Chairman for incorporation in the records, but so far no witness has appeared against the Bill.

President Roosevelt's letter to the Chairman of the Committee strongly urging passage of the Bill will undoubtedly be a tremendous influence when the Bill goes to the floor of the House.

Full text of the President's letter will be read to-morrow at the time of the hearing.—Reuter.

Premier To Head Egyptian Delegation To 'Cisco

CAIRO, March 12 (Reuter): The Egyptian Premier Nokrashy Pasha will head the Egyptian delegation to the San Francisco Conference. He will be accompanied by the Foreign Minister Abdel Hamid Badawi Pasha.

Enemy Action Killed 16 British Civilians Per Day In February

LONDON, March 12 (Reuter): Sixteen British civilians were killed on an average daily in February by "enemy air action." Another 1,152 were injured and detained in hospital.

Slaves Revolt: 40,000 Strike In Turin

LONDON, March 12: Foreign slave workers in north Italy have revolted, say reliable reports from the Italian front.

Russians and Frenchmen, used as forced labour, have broken out from towns and factories and are now fighting side by side with strong partisan forces.

The Russians, says a Globe report, apparently expect an early link-up of Marshal Alexander's forces with the Russians fighting in the Balkans.

A state of tension throughout North Italy is heightening.

The Germans and Fascists are carrying out a policy of ruthless suppression in Milan and Turin. Many executions are taking place. But strikes continue to break out.

In Turin 40,000 skilled workers are reported to have downed tools.—Globe.

DEATH SENTENCE FOR MUSSO'S ENVOY IN BERLIN

ROME, March 12.

General Mario Roatta, who escaped from hospital during his trial as Fascist collaborationist, was to-day sentenced to life imprisonment in his absence.

Mussolini's present envoy in Berlin Filippo Anfuso was sentenced to death. Sentences of 24 years' imprisonment were passed on former ambassador Fulvio Suvich and former Viceroy of Albania Franco Jacomoni who are both in custody.—Reuter.

Lebanon's Appeal To "Big 4"

BERUT, March 11 (Globe): "Arab countries are supporting us in our viewpoint", declared Abdel Hamid Karama, Lebanese Premier, discussing the omission of the Lebanon from the list of countries invited to the San Francisco Conference.

He revealed that the President had cabled Churchill, Roosevelt, Stalin and Chiang Kai-shek, claiming Lebanon's "legitimate rights."

Aga Khan Entertains In Cairo

CAIRO, March 12: The Aga Khan entertained Prince Mohamed Ali, Crown Prince of Egypt, the Egyptian Premier and the British and Iranian Ambassadors to lunch at the Mohamed Ali Club to-day.—GLOBE.

Roosevelt Sends Aviation Convention For Approval

WASHINGTON, March 12 Reuter: President Roosevelt to-day sent the International Civil Aviation Convention to the United States Senate for approval.

Rly. Board To Start Third Locomotive Workshop

NEW DELHI, March 12. (Orient).

The Railway Board have decided to start a third locomotive building workshop in India in addition to the two workshops at Singbhum and Khankapara with an annual output of 120 engines, equal to two thirds of India's demand.

Late Kolhapur Maharaja's Mother Dead

KOLHAPUR, March 12 (A.P.I.)

Shrimant Laxmibai Maharani, mother of the late Maharaja of Kolhapur, Rajaram Chhatrapati, died at eleven this morning after a long illness. She was staying at Shalini palace on the Ran Ula tank here. Shrimant Akkasaheb, the dowager ranee of Dewas Senior, the only daughter of the Maharani, was by her bed-side in her last moments.

All offices, schools and shops will be closed for three days. There will be public mourning for 11 days throughout the State.

DENABANK TO OPEN THREE BRANCHES

Devkaran Nanjee Banking Co. will open three branches as under (1) His Highness Shree Surendrasinhji Thakore Saheb will perform opening ceremony of Wadhwan Camp office on Monday the 19th inst.

(2) His Highness Shree Virbhadrasinhji Maharana of Lunawada will perform opening ceremony of Lunawada office on Thursday the 29th inst.

(3) A branch at Godhra will be opened on Friday the 30th inst.

Raid On Nagoya Not As Effective As On Tokyo

Gen. Lemay Says Damage Is Not Considerable

GUAM, March 12. (Reuter):

About one and a quarter square miles of Nagoya's vital industrial centre were burned out during Sunday night's second successive mass incendiary raid on Japan, it is officially disclosed to-day.

Fifteen separate fires were still burning in Nagoya but the Japanese were apparently able to control the spread of flames and halted the fusing of five great blazes just as they were about to blanket the area centering two miles south of Nagoya castle.

The heaviest damaged industrial target was the Aichi aircraft plant. Six other industrial targets received minor damage.

Commenting on the lesser success at Nagoya, General Lemay Commander of the 21st Air Force said, "This was not as successful as the last Tokio mission. Our planes reached Nagoya as scheduled, bombed as planned, and all but one of them got back. But the fires we set did not burn as furiously or spread as rapidly as they did at Tokio. The damage done however was certain but not considerable. We recognise as we have always done, that we are fighting a resourceful, tough and wily enemy."

HOMOEOPATHY IN BOMBAY

Silver Jubilee Celebrations

To mark the rapid progress of Homoeopathy in India, and Bombay in particular, the Bombay Homoeopathic Association is instituting a comprehensive programme to celebrate its Silver Jubilee.

Benefit performances in aid of the Association's College and Hospital Fund, consisting of musical, dramatic and dance items by Bombay's leading artistes, will be staged at Sir C. J. Hall on Saturday, 17th March, at 6 p.m., with the Hon'ble Mr. M. M. Pakvasa, President of the Legislative Council, in the Chair, and at Sunderabai Hall on Sunday, 25th March, at 5 p.m., with Seth Amritlal Kalidas, Vice-President of the Stock Exchange, in the Chair.

To extend the benefit of Homoeopathy and spread its knowledge throughout the City, public meetings have been arranged consisting of talks, followed by music and dance items, at (1) Laxmi Pavilion, Khar, on Sunday, 18th March, with Mr. J. K. Mehta, Secretary of the Indian Merchants' Chamber, in the Chair; (2) Orient High School Hall, Dadar, on Wednesday, 21st March, with Mr. S. K. Patil in the Chair; (3) Khalsa College Hall, Matunga, on Saturday, 24th March, with Mr. K. S. Ramachandra Iyer in the Chair; and (4) Talmakiwadi, Tardeo Road, on Friday, 30th March.

Charitable dispensaries conducted by the Association have, for many years, given relief to the poor of the City. Funds are now being collected for the establishment of a Homoeopathic College and Hospital. This project deserves whole-hearted support from the public of Bombay.

Governor Attends Bible Society Meeting

The Governor of Bombay presided at the annual general meeting of the Bombay Auxiliary of the Bible Society of India and Ceylon at the Christ Church Parish Hall, Byculla, on Tuesday evening. His Excellency spoke with high appreciation of the great work done by the British and Foreign Bible Society for a century and a half. He particularly commmended the work done for the troops in the distribution of the Scriptures amongst them.

Speaking of the Bible, His Excellency emphasised that he did not mean that there was any grace in the mere possession of the Scriptures, but that it was the knowledge to be derived from a diligent reading of them which enriched and ennobled the mind of man.

Will B. B. & C. I. Stop Paper Wastage?

(From Our Correspondent.)

BANDRA, March 13.

For over a month instead of the usual 1-1/2" x 1" size second class printed tickets from Bandra to Victoria Terminus, the booking office at the Bandra Railway Station is issuing the penalty excess fare receipts of 6-1/2 x 4" size, which are issued in triplicate form. This is paper wastage besides it causes the public a lot of inconvenience as the public have to wait till these receipts are written. The reason is that the printed tickets are out of stock and it does not look as if any attempt is being made for more printed tickets. At a time when several members of the public are being prosecuted for paper wastage an organised body like the railway must realise that this is criminal wastage. The paper controller might investigate into this matter.

Americans Capture Zamboanga

Overrunning Strong Steel And Concrete Positions In Mindanao

MANILA, March 12: United States troops have captured Zamboanga city and Sanroque aerodrome on south-western Mindanao, said General MacArthur's 'communique' to-day.

Sanroque is the island's major airfield.

The communique said the Japanese had been unable to organize their forces in the Zamboanga sector. The Americans "are overrunning strong steel and concrete pillbox and artillery positions with only minor losses".

American ground forces were supported by air and navy forces which also attacked Japanese installations on Basilan island, 12 miles south of Zamboanga.

United States heavy bombers swept the airfield at Jolo chief city of the Sulu archipelago south-west of Mindanao.

On Luzon, United States troops continued to advance on the front east of Manila and captured high ground beyond Antipolo. Other troops repulsed counter-attacks and smashed into hills south-east of Montalban.

ENEMY'S STIFF RESISTANCE.

United States Pacific Headquarters Guam: United States marines have reduced the area of the last sizeable pocket held by Japanese around Kitano point on the northern end of Iwojima, but Japanese resistance there still continued to be stiff.

A smaller Japanese pocket on the north-east coast continues to hold out against the United States Third and Fourth marine divisions.

Warships of the Fifth Fleet shelled small rugged position held by the Japanese on the northern tip. Army fighters from bases in Southern Iwojima gave marines close support. —Reuter.

CONGRESS SCHEME FOR 'CLEANER BOMBAY'

Form Sanitation Committees In Every Building, Appeals Mr. Parulekar

Mr. N. B. Parulekar, Public Relations Officer of the Bombay Municipal Congress Party, 157-61, Princess Street, Bombay 2, has issued the following appeal to the citizens of Bombay:—

"Encouraging response from many quarters of the City is being daily received by me in connection with my call to citizens for their co-operation in the proposed "Cleaner Bombay Campaign." Much more response is needed. Unless there springs up in every house a "House or Chawl Committee" of persons with inspiration to serve their neighbours, the scheme will remain defective. I, therefore, appeal, through the hospitable columns of the "Sentinel", to the occupants of every house in this city to bestir themselves, to get companions, and form themselves into such "House Committees" and intimate to me such formation and also the total number of tenements in the house.

I also appeal to the landlords of the premises to come forward to help this move and intimate to me their willingness Pre-occupation in any other affairs must not come in the way of any one really wishing to improve sanitation of the City.

Persons holding pessimistic views that any such attempt at reforming people's habits will achieve but a poor result, would prove to be their own enemies. "Make up your mind and act" is the advice that should serve as a best guide for every one concerned in making all of us behave as human beings.

Those who have already written to me offering to help the campaign will, in due time, be informed of the next step they are expected to take."

The Late Surgeon General Stevenson

At the ordinary meeting of the Council of the College of Physicians and Surgeons of Bombay held on the 12th March, the President, Dr. A. S. Erulkar, referred to the sad death of Surgeon General Henry Wickham Stevenson, who was one of the Founders and the first President of the College, and observed that General Stevenson was a man of broad views and wide sympathies.

The President then moved the following resolution from the Chair, which on being put to the vote, was passed in solemn silence all members standing:—

"That the Council of the College of Physicians and Surgeons of Bombay place on record their deep regret for the loss sustained by the sad death of Surgeon General Henry Wickham Stevenson who was one of its Foundation Fellows, a member and the First President of the College Council. It was on his suggestion that the constitution of the College was modelled on the lines of the Royal College of Surgeons of England and consequently the College of Physicians and Surgeons of Bombay is an unique Insitution of its kind throughout the whole of India. General Stevenson was a man of broad views, various activities and wide sympathies. It was he who had started the practice of Indianizing the 'Medical Services in the Province, by appointing the late Dr. Y. G. Nadgir, an Indian and that too a non I.M.S. man, as one of the full time Professors in the Grant Medical College in 1913. This had happened 32 years ago when the idea of Indianization of the Services was not properly conceived and much less practised.

"That the Council further wish to place on record their sense of appreciation of his valued services and sincerely sympathise with his family in their sad bereavement."

COST OF HEALTH EXPERTS

In a written answer to a question in the Central Assembly, Mr. J. D. Tyson, Secretary, Education, Health, and Lands, Government of India, stated that the Imperial Council of Agricultural Research proposed to set up shortly an institute of fruit technology to give technical advice to the industry.

Mr. J. D. Tyson told the House that the cost to the Government in connection with the visit of the health experts from foreign countries was about Rs. 80,000.—United Press.

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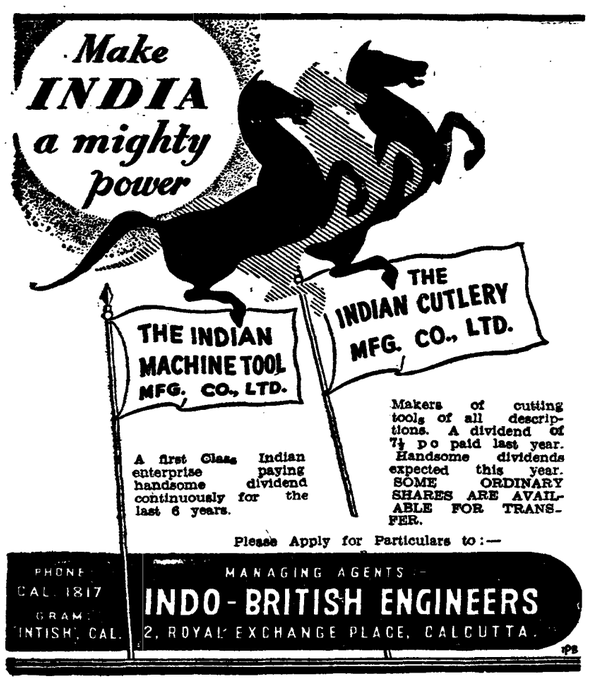

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Steel Shares Decline On Long Liquidation

BULLION MARKET QUIET

Restricted Turnover In Cotton

BOMBAY, March 13.

The Share Bazar opened steady and under scattered buying improved a few points when heavy long liquidation appeared in steel shares and prices declined: The decline in steel shares had a damping effect on the textile section which is firmly held by a section of operators but it remains whether price levels are raised. The market is now working on peace possibilities and at the moment there is less disposition to carry overnight long interest. As a result of day's working Tata Steel Dfds. lost Rs. 27/8, Ordinary Rs. 6/- Bombay Dyeings Rs. 2/8 and Kohinoors Rs. 3/-

Bullion market was quiet on moderate realising on expectations of larger sales to-morrow.

Cotton was quietly steady with a restricted business and price movement was narrow.

Share Bazar

The local Share Bazar was quiet today with increased selling in Steel Shares. It apears that the market is now under distributing move and there is a general inclination to liquidate holdings. All these years the market was working under war mentality and now it is gradually coming under the influence of peace mentality traders do not prefer to carry purchses. This change can be seen from the steady fall in Steel Shares while textile shares are still being manipulated by professional operators. Tata Steel Dfds. opened to-day at Rs. 2115 and improved to Rs. 2120 and later declined to Rs. 2090 under long liquidation. Ordinary Shares opened at Rs 393 and eased off to Rs. 387. Bombay Dyeing Shares opened at Rs. 1875 and ruled quiet at Rs. 1865. Kohinoor Mill Shares opened at Rs. 623 and declined to Rs. 619.

RECORD OF ACTUAL TRANSACTIONS IN SHARES.

BOMBAY, March 13.

MILLS.

Apollo 4/5 4/4
Bharat 61/4
Bharucha (Defd) 8/12
B. Dyeing 1875 80 72/8 78/12 71/4 80 67/8 72/8 60 67/8 53/12 62/8
Central India (Ord) 382 80 81 76 78 74 75
Century 925 22/8 26/4 26 20
Colaba 220 18
Edward 765 70 55 60
Elphinstone (Ord) 95
Elphinstone (Pref) 126
Finlay 310 6 7/8 4 5
Gokak 307 8 2 4
India United (Defd) 3/2/6 3/1/6
India United (Ordy) 14/14 14/15 14/11
Indore 690 96/4 83/12 87/8 85 93/12
Khatau 340/10
Kohinoor 623 24 22 28 21 23 20 21 18 21 15 18
Madhavji 16/12 17
Madhusudan 423/12
Meyer 216/14 15
Morarjee 700 692/8 95 92/8
New City 395
New Great 398 95/8 96 91/8 93
Podar 330
Sassoon Cotton 22
Simplex 268 65 66 64 65 63 64 61/8 62/8
Swadeshi 540 37 41 35 37 31 34
Swan 334/8 31
Tata Mills 59/8 59
Vishnu 475
Ahmedabad Prantej Rly. 732/8
Central Province Rly. 107 7/4

BANKS.

A. B. C. 36/4
Baroda 141/12 42/4
Central 82/4 82 82/4 82
Imperial (Old) 1992/8 96/4 95
Imperial (New) 495
India 190 91 90/8
National Savings (F. P.) 76
National Savings (P. P.) 87
Reserve 134 34/8
United Commercial 70/8

ELECTRIC.

Ahmedabad 232/8 33/2 31/4
Ajmer 14/15
Andhra Valley 1780
Tram (Ord) 146/12 47/8 47
Tram (Pref) 68 66/12
Surat 221 22/8
Tata Hydro (Ord) 203/8
Tata Hydro (Pref) 166/4
Tata Power (Ord) 1880 77/8
Tata Power (Pref) 1782/8

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New India 80
Vulcan 16/12
Steamer 570 57/8
Scindia 34 33/15 34 33/13 33/14
Tata Steel (Defd) 2115 27/8 17/8 21/4 16/4 20 11/4 18/12 8/12 15 2100 2105 2087/8 97/8 67/8 77/8 70 81/4 77/8 80
Tata Steel (Ordy) 393 95 90/8 91/8 88 89 87 88 86 88 84 85 82/8 84
Tata Steel (1st Pref) 224/4
Tata Steel (2nd Pref) 160 60/8 60 60/4

MISCELLANEOUS.

Alcock 431/4 30
A. Cement 232/8 33 31/8 32 31/8
Bilaspur 220 20/8 18 20
Burmah (Old) 537/8 35
B. B. Petrol 5/4/6 5/4/3 5/4/6
I. I. Trust 123
Port Canning 105
P. Construction (Ord) 218 18/8 17
P. Construction (1st Pref) 140
Shivrajpur 55 53/8 54 52 53/4
Tata Chemical 20/4 20/5 20/2 20/4
Tata Oil 68 68/4 68
Western India Match 325
Zandu Pharmacy 215 21/4

Gold & Silver

The Reserve Bank of India sold to day 300 bars Silver at Rs. 126/7 to Rs. 126/8 and 22,000 tolas Gold at Rs. 72/8 to Rs. 72/9.

In view of some holiday day after to-morrow the Bank is reported to sell to-morrow 600 bars Silver and 32,000 tolas Gold.

The local market was influenced by prospects of larger sales and now it appears that the market is well supplied with stocks and with excellent war news the general demand which existed upto now on in inflation ideas is likely to decrease gradually with a declining price tendency.

Forward Gold opened to-day at Rs. 71/2 and advanced to Rs. 71/8 but under moderate liquidation declined to Rs. 70/14. Ready Gold was quoted at a premium of Rs 1/8 at the start but later the premium was reduced to Rs. 1/4 and was quoted at Rs. 72/2.

Forward Silver for the current settlement opened at Rs. 126/13 and after declining to Rs. 126/5 steadied at Rs. 126/7. Ready Silver was quoted at Rs. 126/11.

Trading for the next settlement started to-day at Rs. 125/14 and after declining to Rs. 125/6 steadied at Rs. 125/13. Tone was quiet.

The market ruled quiet with scattered selling and closing quotations were as under:—

SILVER.			
Silver Ready	126	2	0
Current Settlement	126	0	0
Next Settlement	125	10	0
GOLD.			
Ready	71	0	0
Next Settlement	69	14	0
Sovereigns	49	0	0

Bombay Cotton

The local Cotton Market opened today at Rs. 447 for May and under restricted trading quotation moved between Rs. 446/8 and Rs. 447/4 and steadied at Rs. 446/12.

In the meantime all available cotton is passing into strong hands and while Bears rejoice over their temporary success keeping quotations lower but time will come when no desirable cotton will be available. It is understood that Bulls have covered their short sales of May delivery and a tight spot situation is likely to develop. Moreover with improved statistical outlook, we look for higher prices and proper purchases on all declines as present price is attractive.

The market finally closed at 6 p.m. as under:—

I.C.C. March	443	0	0
I.C.C. May	449	12	0
I.C.C. July	460	12	0

COTTON PARITY.

Indian Cotton May Contract is 487 cent points below New York May at Exchange rate 331.

HIGH & LOW COTTON PRICES.

	Hi.	Lo.	Closing at 6 p.m.
I.C.C. March	440-1/4	436	440-1/4
I.C.C. May	448	442-1/4	446-3/4
I.C.C. July	460	454-1/2	458-1/4
Karachi 4F			

PRODUCE MARKET

The local produce market was quiet today with a restricted turnover and quotations were as under:

GROUNDNUTS			
Bombay Khandesh quality	14	10	0
Bombay Nizam quality	13	14	0
Bombay Bald	13	15	0
Goa March/April	14	2	0
Goa April/May	14	3	0
CASTORSEEDS			
Bombay Ready	15	2	0
Goa Delivery	15	0	0
LINSEED			
C.P. & U.P.	15	8	0

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Active Buying In N. Y. Cotton Market

NEW YORK, March 12.

The market was hesitant reflecting the excellent war news with the possibility of sudden peace moves. Prices firmed in sympathy with securities and wheat, on covering in March and persistent dribbling of price-fixing. The market closed steady. The New York Cotton Exchange Service estimates February cotton consumption at 792,000 bales, compared with the official figure of 811,274 bales in February, 1944.

At the opening July was unchanged at 21.74 and lowest figure touched is not received. But under active buying July advanced to 21.91 which was the highest reached. The session finally finished at a net rise of 10 to 13 points. Spot cotton price was raised 6 points at 22.44 c. per lb.

It appears that owing to unfavourable weather, reduction in cotton acreage and shortage of labour, next year the crop is likely to be a small one.

NEW YORK COTTON

March 22.15+12, May 22.10+10, July 21.86+12, October 21.30+12, December 21.21+12, January 21.15+12, July highest (2-20 p.m.) 21.91+17. July lowest (mutilated). Middling Spot 22.44+06.

NEW ORLEANS COTTON

March 22.06+14, May 22.10+13, July 21.83+13, Middling Spot 21.60+10.

NEW YORK COTTON

Noon Call.—March 22.11, May 22.08, July 21.81

SALES OF TREASURY BILLS.

Tenders for Rs. Four Crores of three months' Government of India Treasury Bills were opened on Tuesday, the 13th March. Total amount offered was Rs. 14,77,25,000—(Rupees fourteen crores seventy-seven lakhs twenty-five thousand only). Tenders at Rs. 99-14-9 were accepted in full and those at Rs. 99-14-6 allotted approximately 16 per cent. Total amount accepted was Rs. Four Crores, the average rate of accepted tenders being Rs. 0-5-6 per cent per annum.

Tenders for Rs. Four Crores of three months' Government of India Treasury Bills will be received on Tuesday, the 20th March in Bombay upto 11 a.m. (Standard Time) and upto the close of business on Monday the 19th March, at other centres. Successful tenderers should make payment on Friday the 23rd March. Other conditions are as usual.

During the week ended 9th March, Government of India Treasury Bills for Rs. 9,31,50,000—(Rupees nine crores thirty-one lakhs fifty thousand only) were sold in favour of the Issue Department of the Reserve Bank of India.

WALL-STREET MARKET.

NEW YORK, March 10.

U. S. Steel	63-5/8
Bethelehem Steel	72-3/4
N.Y. Central R. R. Com.	23-3/8
N. Y Central 5 p c 20.13	93-1/2
N. Y. Chicago St. Louis Pfd.	112.75
Chesapeake & Ohio	51.00
	x.d. dol. 0.75
Chase National Bank	42-3/8
National City Bank of N.Y.	41-1/8
General Motors	66
General Electric	41-5/8
Sun Life Assurance	355
	x d. dol. 3.25
Canadian Pacific	12-1/8
Texas Corpn.	52-1/2
Socony Vacuum	16-1/8
Sinclair Oil	16-5/8
Anaconda Copper	32-5/8
Int. Nickel	32-3/8
Kennecott Copper	38-5/8
Amer. Tel & Tel.	164
Western Union 'A'	47-3/4
Australia 5 p c 1955	104
Consolidated Edison	26-1/2
Phillips Peteroleum	50
Farnsworth Television	14

(From Our Correspondent.)
BHUJ March 13.

To-day Hundi Koris 363, Silver Rs 106/14, Gold Rs. 69/4.

CALICUT QUOTATIONS.

CALICUT, March 13.

Coccanuts Raw 85, Dry 80, Cocoanut Oil 340, Copra Office 197/8, Dilpasand 212/8, Madrasnottam 220 Goodgooda 225, Pepper Wynaad 350, Country 345, Dry Ginger Chernad 250, Ernad 220, Coffee Robusta 83.

HAPUR QUOTATIONS.

HAPUR, March 13.

Wheat 10, Dara Controy 9/12, Stock Approximately 280, Khatties Grain 8/4, Stock 15, Barley 6/12, Stock 136, Peas Khatti 5/8 Stock 127, Arhar 7, Stock 122, Maize 6/6, Bajra 7/12, Guar 7/4, Urd 14, Moong 11, Cottonseed Desi 9/12, Chilki 9/2, Mustardseed 12, Cake 3/2, Gur 9/2, Arrivals 2000 Mds. Raw Sugar 9/8, Silver 127/8, Gold 72/6. Steady on speculative demand Bardana 55/4, Guwar 6/14/6.

MONEY MARKET.

LONDON: Banks buying 90 days/st. 1/6 7/32 1 and 2 months, 1/6 1/4 3 to 6 months.

B. C. RATES: T T 1/5 15/16 D D 1/5 15/16.
Banks selling T T 1/5 31/32 D D 1/5 31/32.
Banks buying T T 1/6 1/32 D D 1/6 3/32.

LDN/NEW YORK:
Banks selling T T Rs. 332 3/4 D D Rs. 332 3/4.
Banks buying T T Rs. 329 1/2 D D Rs. 327 1/2.

LDN/MONTREAL:
Banks selling T T Rs. 302 1/2 D D Rs. 302 1/2.
Banks buying T T Rs. 297 3/4 D D Rs. 296 3/4.

Tone of Sterling Exchange:—Very quiet.
Reserve Bank Rate 3 p c. Bank of England Rate 2 p c.
Money:—Call, one and two months 1/4 p c, 3 to 5 months 1/2 p c, 6 to 1. months 3/4 p c. 12 months 1 1/4 p c.
Tone:—Easy.

G.I.P. Stations	15	6	6
N.S. Rly.	15	6	0
Satna Small	15	3	0
Navlakshi Delivery	15	13	0

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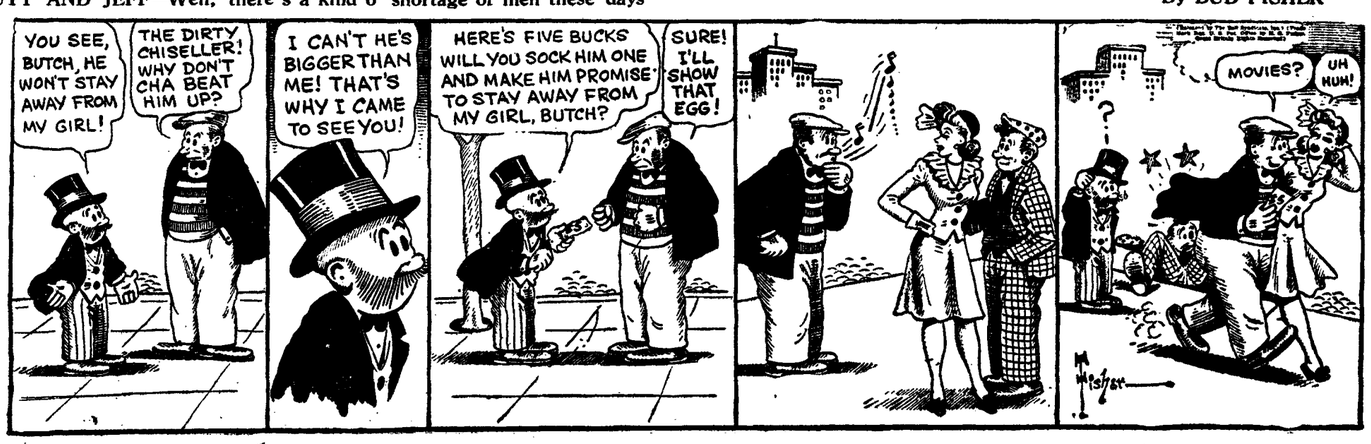
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NOTICE

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1. To receive and adopt Directors' Report and Audited Statements of accounts for the year ended 30th June, 1944.
2. To Sanction the declaration of a dividend.
3. To elect Directors in place of those who retire by rotation, but who are eligible for re-election.
4. To appoint Auditor or Auditors for the current year and to fix his or their remuneration.
5. To transact any other business the Chairman may bring before the Meeting.

N. B.—The Transfer Books of the Company will be closed from 22rd day of March to 7th day of April, 1945 both days inclusive.

By order of the Board,
CHHOI KOOKA DESAI & CO.,
Managing Agents.

Bombay, 7th March, 1945.

N. B.—The Dividend as sanctioned by the Meeting will be paid on and after Monday the 9th day of April 1945, during office hours, at the Registered Office of the Company, to those Shareholders whose names stand on the Register on the 22nd March, 1945.

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NOTICE

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After figures of previous imports have been checked, applications deserving consideration will be forwarded to the Chief Controller of Imports.

S. N. MEHTA,
Dy. Chief Controller of Imports.
New Custom House,
Bombay, the 13th March, 1945. 2472

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S. N. MEHTA,
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Applications to be made in writing stating age educational qualifications, full details of experience to the Superintending Naval Store Officer, India, Albert Building Hornby Road, Bombay before 20th March, 1945. 2479

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LOST SHARE CERTIFICATE

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that Share Certificate No. 72752 in respect of 3 Ordinary Shares Nos. 567222 to 567224 of the Bombay Electric Supply and Tramways Co. Ltd. standing in the name of Mr. Jehangir Nadirsha Vakil has been LOST, MISLAID or DESTROYED. Any claim in respect of these shares should be notified to the Company at their registered Office, Electric House, Post Fort, Bombay, No. 1, within one month from the date hereof, otherwise a duplicate Share Certificate will be issued irrespective of any claim in respect thereof.

Dated 13th March, 1945. (7560)

NOTICE

WANTED by a Government Publishing organization in Delhi, men or women with journalistic experience and first class education. Salary Rs. 400|- to 600|- according to qualifications. War and other allowances also admissible. Only those with not less than 5 years' continuous residence in Europe or the Middle East need apply. Thorough knowledge of English and reading knowledge of Persian and Arabic essential. Candidates called for test and interview at Delhi will defray their own expenses. Applications with detailed particulars and specimens of journalistic work should reach Post Box 166, Delhi not later than the 24th March, 1945. (2473)

IN THE COURT OF THE DISTRICT MUNSIF, PENUKONDA

S. C. 350/44.

Plaintiffs:—K. N. K. Narasimhiah Chetty & Bros.,

Defendants:—Shah Shantilal Lalchand, General Cloth Merchants, and Commission Agents, 135-137, Shroff Bazaar 2nd Floor, Bombay.

Suit summons to the defendants.

On account of the breach of contract committed by the defendants entered into with the plaintiffs (an undivided Hindu family consisting of father and five sons) on 13-1-43 on which date the agreement was entered into the plaintiffs filed a suit against the defendants to recover an advance of Rs. 150-0-0 a profit of Rs. 120-0-0 with interest on both the sums and suit costs. The suit stands posted to 16-3-45 in the above Court at 11 a.m. If the defendants have got any defence they may appear that day in time or through duly qualified Pleader at Penukonda.

D. SREE-RAMULU, B.A., LL.B.,
Pleader for Plaintiffs.

Penukonda. 7575

G. I. P. RAILWAY

THE DIVISIONAL ENGINEER, G. I. P. Rly. Bombay invites tenders up to 12 hours on 26-3-45 for constructing 3 Units J type quarters at Lonavla. The Form of tender, Schedule and Conditions of Contract can be obtained from his office on payment of Rs. 2 per set. Plans for the work will be supplied on an additional payment of Rs. 3 being made. These sums will not be refunded. 2478

ACKNOWLEDGEMENT

THE MANAGEMENT of LOOFA COSMETICS (INDIA) wish to thank sincerely all those who sent telegrams and letters of appreciation at the success of their TRIPLE VANISHING CREAM and regret their inability to thank them individually. (7571)

LEGAL NOTICES

NOTICE

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that Dr. JANAKRAI K. CHHAYA, of Bombay Hindu Inhabitant has contracted to sell the below mentioned property to our client.

All persons having any claim of any nature whatsoever against the said property are required to notify the same to the undersigned at their office at Tamarind Lane, Fort Chambers (C), Bombay, within 14 days from the date hereof, otherwise the sale will be completed without reference to any such claim and the same, if any, will be considered as waived.

SCHEDULE OF PROPERTY

ALL that piece of land situate at Khar (Bandra) in the Registration Sub-District Bandra District Bombay containing by admeasurement 1094 Sq. Yds. or thereabouts and bearing final plot 791 of Town Planning Scheme No. III Bandra and bounded on the East by Railway Lines, on the West by Third Road on the North by Plot No. 792, and on the South by Plot No. 790 of the same Scheme.

Dated this 13th day of March, 1945.

MANKODI & CO.,
Purchaser's Attorneys. (2480)

NOTICE

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that DAYA GANSEY and VIRJI RAISEY, both of Bombay Hindu Inhabitant have contracted to sell the undermentioned property to our client.

ALL persons having any claim against or to the said property or any part thereof by way of inheritance, mortgage, sale, exchange, gift, trust, inheritance, lease, lien, charge possession, partition maintenance, easement or otherwise howsoever are hereby required to make the same known in writing to the undersigned at their Office in Yusuf Building, Mahatma Gandhi Road, Fort, Bombay, within 14 days from the date hereof otherwise the sale will be completed without reference to such claim and the same, if any, will be considered as waived.

SCHEDULE OF THE PROPERTY

ALL that piece or parcel of Foras land or ground (now redeemed) together with the messuages tenements or building standing thereon situate, lying and being at De'Lisle Road, in the Registration Sub-District of Bombay in the Island of Bombay, containing by admeasurement 663 Square Yards and registered in the books of the Collector of Land Revenue under Old No. 184, New No. 12125 and New Survey No. 1|2974, Cadastral Survey No. 807 of Lower Parel Division and in the books of the Collector of Municipal assessment and Taxes under G Ward No. 1831 (1) and 1831(2) Street No. 829 and bounded as follows: that is to say, on or towards the East by public Gowan or passage on or towards the West and North by the land formerly of Kashinath Devji and now of Sir Sassoon J. David and on or towards the South by the land of Trimbak Gangadhar Ranade and now of Sir Sassoon J. David.

Dated this 13th day of March 1945.

MALVI RANCHODDAS & CO.,
Purchaser's Attorneys.

AUCTION SALES

AUCTION SALE OF 910 BAGS ROSE-NAILS KK of 3-4-5 to 6 Inches each of 1 cwt. on MONDAY, 19-3-'45 at 4-30 P.M. (S.T.) at the office of the vendors at Iron Market, Carnac Bunder by order of M|s. Murlimal Santaram & Co. Terms 25% Deposit.

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Messrs. GANDHI & CO. will sell by public auction on Tuesday 20-3-45 at their Rooms No. 72, Medows Street, Fort, by order of Messrs. Devichand Motaji & Co., the Mortgagees and on a|c and at the risk of Mr. F. Rubigne the Mortgagor.

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AUCTION SALES

AUCTION SALE OF VALUABLE PROPERTY KNOWN AS BACHOOALI TERRACE AT THE JUNCTION OF KING EDWARD & WADIA HOSPITALS AT SOPARIBAUG ESTATE.

Under instructions from Messrs. Shah & Co., Attorneys for Khan Saheb Haji Haiderally Haji Bachually & others, the Trustees of the Will of Khan Bahadur Haji Bachually, Messrs Bennett & Co., will on Wednesday the 28th March, 1945, at 4-30 p.m. (N.S.T.) sell by Public Auction at the premises:—

Piece of land with building at Soparibaug Estate Plot No. 14, admeasuring about 429 sq. yds., bearing New Survey No. 2487 (part) Cadastral Survey No. 181/174 and bounded on North by 80 ft. broad King Edward Road, East by King Edward Road and Hospital Avenue South by Hospital Avenue, South-West by 10ft. broad service passage and North-West by Plot No. 13.

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Under instructions from Messrs Eastley Lam & Co., Attorneys for the Executrix, Messrs. Bennett & Co., will sell by Public Auction on Friday, the 23rd March 1945, at 11-30 A.M. (N.S.T.) at their sale rooms, at 120, Apollo Street, Fort, the abovementioned articles belonging to the Estate of the late Mr. C. M. Banaji, well-known Collector of Curios and Antiques.

On view from 19th inst. from 11-30 A.M. to 5-30 P.M.

AUCTION SALE OF UNCLAIMED GOODS AT UNCLAIMED GOODS OFFICE, WADI BUNDER, G. I. P. RAILWAY.

Under instructions from G. I. P. Railway and in accordance with Sections 55 and 56 of Indian Railways Act of 1890 M/s. BENNETT & CO. will sell by Public Auction on THURSDAY the 29th March 1945 at 12 noon (N. S. T.), at the above place unclaimed goods including bags of G. N. Seeds, Castor Seed, Cotton seeds, Linseeds, Catachu Canes, Brooms, Cotton, Hirda, Gunny, Slates, Coir Ropes Cases of Tea, Shoes Chappals, Tins of Rosewater, Ghee Honey, Oil, E. I. Casks, Paint, Varnish, Grease, etc. etc.

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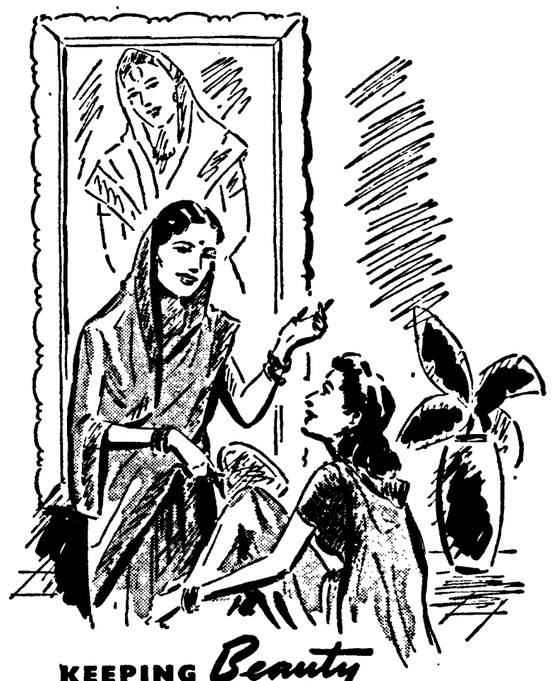

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